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New Hampshire



The Good Old Days

1984

Dates To Remember

January 1	Fiscal year begins
January 25	1st day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
February 11	Last day for Candidates to declare for Town Election
MARCH 9	ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 12	ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS
MARCH 16	ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
April 1	All property both real and personal, assessed to owner this date
April 15	Last day to file inventory to be eligible to make claim to abatement RSA 77:14
April 15	Last day for qualified persons over 65 to apply for Expanded Elderly Exemption
July 1	1st half of semi-annual tax billing commences to draw interest at 12 percent
December 1	Unpaid real estate and personal taxes commence to draw interest at 12 percent
December 31	Fiscal year closes

SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS: Monday evenings at 7 PM in the Selectmen's Room at the Town Office Building, Highland Street.

COMMISSIONER'S MEETINGS: Monday evenings at 7 PM in the Town Office, Highland Street.

SUPERVISOR'S MEETING: Held at the Selectmen's Room at the Town Office Building, Highland Street.

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM, at the Selectmen's Room, Town Office Building, Highland Street.

Annual Report of the Officers of the TOWN OF ASHLAND

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31

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Dedication

Hiram F. Gingras

Hiram F. Gingras will best be remembered as longtime judge of the Ashland District Court until his retirement in 1968. A patriot, Hiram was a U.S. Army World War I veteran and a past commander of the Dupuis-Cross Post of the American Legion. He was also active on various town committees.

Hiram's dedication to the community will be sorely missed.

Louise A. Brock 1899 - 1984

Louise A. Brock, born in Ashland, was a woman who contributed much time and energy to her community. She was involved in church as well as civic activities. Her service and dedication will be remembered in such organizations as Ashland's Baptist Church, Historical Society, women's club and booster club. Louise also served the Town as chairman of the supervisors of the checklist, representative for the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency and member of the Ashland School Board.

The citizens of Ashland will always remember Louise's enthusiasm and dedication to the community, and will be missed by all.

Selectmen's Report

1984

As this report is being written we are in the process of formulating a town budget for the new year. The Town and School District are continually absorbing additional cost of state and federal mandated programs that have previously received financial assistance, this along with continued increases in cost of materials and services purchased by the Town presents a challenge to elected officials in trying to maintain a budget that will meet public needs and demands without major tax increases.

As planned, town office renovations got underway this year, resulting in the moving of the Town and Utility business offices to the first floor, a move that was essential in order to comply with federal regulations. The offices are adequately accessible to all elderly and handicapped persons.

A portion of Hicks Hill Road was reconstructed in 1984. It is planned to reconstruct the south end of River Street in 1985. In the near future the Town must consider and act upon a long range program to fund major improvements to its deteriorating road network. The selectmen along with the road agent are currently working on a plan, establishing priorities where roads in worst condition will be repaired first. A preferred alternative may be a bond issue whereby several town roads would be rebuilt rather than spot repairs and rebuilding.

New granite curbing and some sidewalk improvements within the downtown area were continued this year along with the completion of the South Main/Mechanic Street parking area. This work began implementation of the recommendations of the Downtown Improvement Plan. This Plan is one element of the Ashland Comprehensive Master Plan which was completed this year and is available to any individual who may wish a copy.

Design contracts were given to the firm of Dubois and King Inc. of Concord, lowest bidder, to provide engineering design, project specifications and bid preparation for new sewer constructions on Pleasant, Mechanic and Hill Streets, along with the provision of a wastewater collection system and treatment manual. The contract price to provide this work is \$3,050. and \$3,500. respectively.

A feasibility study to determine the potential long range economic benefits to the town, and the cost of establishing a small industrial park at the former Ashland Paper Mill site was commissioned this year as a result of study and recommendations by the Industrial and Economic Development Commission.

The Industrial and Economic Development Commission was appointed to provide statistics and pertinent information relative to developing business growth that will expand the town's tax base, and contribute financially to existing operating expenses of town utilities.

The Planning Board with assistance of the Lakes Region Planning Commission has been working on development of a zoning ordinance, which will be presented to voters at the annual Town Meeting. The ordinance will establish four districts: Commercial; Industrial; Village Residential; and Rural Residential. The ordinance should help preserve Ashland's village character and qualities, and protect property values of Ashland citizens. The Selectmen urge citizens to support passage of this local land use ordinance.

Ashland has had a significant number of citizens involved in study committee work, among them the Sanitary financial management study; the water study, solid waste/recycling study. Citizens are encouraged to express concerns or share ideas. Assistance is always needed on various Boards or Committees in Town Government, and we encourage you to become interested in volunteering to serve on a committee or in running for a town office.

The Board of Selectmen wish to express their thanks for the many hours given by volunteers serving on boards and committees during the year. Ashland is a better place because of such efforts. We also wish to thank Town Department Heads and employees for their efforts. We believe that as a whole, Town Employees do care and try to do a good job. We also wish to express our appreciation publicly for the many hours of assistance given to the Selectmen and to the town in general by our Town Business Administrator. Thank You.

James H. Rollins, Chairman
Hilda M. Harris
John Hughes

Town Officials and Boards

1984

Selectmen:

James H. Rollins	1985
Hilda M. Harris	1986
John C. Hughes	1987

Utility Commissioners:

Donald R. Knowlton	1985	
John C. Hughes	1986	Resigned
Kendall L. Hughes	1985	Appointed
Francis D. McNamara	1987	

Tax Collector:

Rosemarie McNamara	1987
Deputy: Susan M. Ober	1987
Deputy: Patricia Tucker	1987

Town Clerk:

Rosemarie McNamara	1987
Deputy: Susan M. Ober	1987
Sub Register: Edward Dupuis	1985

Town Treasurer:

Gloria R. Gammons	1985
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Moderator:

Glenn W. Bricker	1986
Assistant: Diana Farrell	
Assistant: Marion K. Merrill	
Assistant: John T. Van Stelten	

Town Trustees:

Edward A. Dupuis	1985
Richard Ash	1986
Richard Ogden	1987

Library Trustees:

Sheila Page	1985
Beverly Manyk	1986
Lorraine Marsh	1987

Budget Committee:

Patricia Tucker	1985	Appointed
Paul Wilson	1985	
Arline Wilson	1985	
Albert Blake	1985	
Neale Bavis	1985	
John W. Laverack, Jr.	1986	
Richard Ogden	1986	
Linda Guyotte	1986	
David Ruell	1986	
Sheila Page	1987	
Beatrice Moody	1987	
Kendall L. Hughes	1987	
Judith Gilmore	1985	School Board Ex-Officio
James H. Rollins	1985	Selectman Ex-Officio

Fire Wards:

Stephen Uhlman	1985
Albert Blake	1986
Robert Duclos	1987

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Joan Doggett	1986	Resigned
Herbert Story	1985	
Thelma Lyford	1988	
Virginia Danforth	1990	

Overseer of Welfare:

Marjorie Davie	1985	Resigned
Hilda M. Harris	1985	Appointed

Town Business Administrator:

Frederick W. Welch

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Fire Chief:

Norman Marsh

Assistant Fire Chiefs:

Merritt "Skip" Fields	1st Deputy
Arthur Prince	2nd Deputy

Superintendent of the Electric Department:

Thomas E. Marsh

Superintendent of the Water & Sanitary Departments:

Wayne L. Hughes

Police Department:

Ernest A. Paquette	Chief
Kenneth R. Guyotte	Sergeant-Resigned
Norman "Scott" Weden	Sergeant
Norman "Scott" Weden	Patrolman-Resigned
Peter Gardner	Patrolman
Kenneth Bandilla	Special
Philip P. Defosses	Special
Paul Holt Sr.	Special
Francis McNamara	Special
John J. Horgan	Special
Eric Kaminsky	Special
John Morgan	Special-Sanitary Landfill

Planning Board:

Robert Varney	1985	Resigned
Edward Hubbard	1985	
David Ruell	1986	
David Paquette	1986	
David Brown	1987	
Philip Preston	1987	
George Bagge	1988	Resigned
John Hughes	1985	Selectman Ex-Officio

Alternates:

David Paquette	1987	Resigned
Edward Hubbard	1987	Resigned
Beverly Manyk	1985	
Francis Murdock	1987	
James Rollins	1985	Selectman Ex-Officio

Parks and Recreation:

Herbert Story	1985
Patricia Koning	1985
Katherine Marsh	1986
Robert Tucker	1986
Thomas Winn	1987

Highway Agent:

Mark W. Ober

Health Officer:

David Ruell

Civil Defense Director:

Ernest B. Holt 1985

Scribner Memorial Trustees:

Raymond Burke 1985 Appointed

Samuel Norman 1986

EMS District A-5 Representative:

Ronald Shaw 1985

Building Inspector:

George Bagge Resigned

David Ruell, Temporary Resigned

Francis L. Murdock

Economic and Industrial Development Commission:

James Rollins 1987

Michael Myshrall 1987

Katherine Harriman 1987

Marion K. Merrill 1987

Ward D'Elia 1987 Resigned

Samuel Laverack 1987

Thomas Samyn 1987 Resigned

Sanitary Department Financial Management Study Committee:

James Rollins 1985

Beatrice Moody 1985

John Newsom 1985

Joyce Bavis 1985

Ronald Abear 1985

Robert Tucker 1985

Laurent Ruell 1985

Water Study Committee:

Philip Gammons

Thomas Winn

Beatrice Moody

Lumina Straw

Donald Marsh

David Ruell

Wayne Hughes

Robert Varney

Resigned

Sanitary Landfill Study Committee:

James Cerami 1985

Hilda Harris 1985

Susan Ober 1985

Mark Ober 1985

Dean Eastman 1985 Resigned

Elwood Havlock 1985

Historical Commission:

Mary Ruell 1986

Sherry Norman 1986

Record of Ashland Town Meeting and Elections 1984

TOWN WARRANT 1984

State of New Hampshire

To The Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Gymnasium in said Town on Wednesday, March 14, 1984 at 7 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles.

Notice: Town Officers to be elected at the General Town and School Election to be held at the Ashland Fire Station beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 1984.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Board of Utility Commissioners to raise and appropriate or to appropriate from available funds or to borrow or to authorize bonding and to expend the sum of not more than \$1,825,000.00 for the Ashland Water Department for improvements to the water system; \$775,000.00 of which is to be paid for by Grant money to be received from the United States Department of Agriculture; the Town to borrow not more than \$1,050,000.00 for this project of which the United States Department of Agriculture will provide \$904,000.00 in joint with the Town and the Town will provide \$146,000.00 in accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes from the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration, and/or through any other lending institution, whose interest rate is the same or less to be paid back by the Town of Ashland Water Department over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend, without further vote of the Town, Federal and State Grants which may become available during the course of the year, and also to accept and expend money from any other government units or private sources to be used for purposes for which the Town may legally appropriate money; provided (1) that such grants and other monies do not require the expenditure of other Town funds not specifically appropriated

for the particular purpose for which the grant or other monies are received, (2) that a Public Hearing shall be held by the Board of Selectmen, and (3) that such items shall be exempt from all the provisions of RSA 32, relative to limitations and expenditures of Town monies, all as provided by RSA 31:95-B.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$288.00 to maintain and continue the system of services of the Inter-Lakes Day Care Center. (Petitioned by ten or more legal voters.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Town Ordinance:

DOG LEASH ORDINANCE

1. No person who is the owner, keeper or custodian of a dog shall allow such dog to run at large at any time of the day or night.
2. Section One shall not apply to dogs used for hunting, herding, supervised competition or exhibition or training for such, provided that such dog must be within sight at all times of the owner, keeper or custodian.
3. The term "at large," as used in Section One, shall mean off the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian and not leashed.
4. The term "leashed" shall mean that there is attached to the dog a collar and leash, the leash being in the hand or hands of the owner, keeper or custodian in a secure fashion so as to completely control the conduct of such dog at all times when off the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian of such dog.
5. Violations of this Ordinance shall be subject to the penalties as found in RSA 466:30-b.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$4,000.00, or any other sum, for the enforcement of such a Dog Leash Ordinance, or to act upon anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 674, Sections 5 through 8, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, authorizing the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of Municipal Capitol Improvement Projects to aid the Board of Selectmen and

Budget Committee, and other Boards and Committees in the preparation and consideration of their annual budgets and expenditures, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:1-A, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of Property Taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums in anticipation of taxes, from such sources, upon such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and prudent for the operation of the Town, and to execute such documents on behalf of the Town as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish this purpose.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus or obsolete supplies and equipment by public auction or sealed bid or to transfer items of historical significance to the Ashland Historical Society without further vote of the Town or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer tax liens and convey property acquired by the Town of Ashland by Tax Collector's Deed, by public auction (or advertised sealed bid) or in such manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require per RSA 70:42.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, appropriate from available funds, transfer from Revenue Surplus or borrow, or any combination of the foregoing, and expend the sum of \$75,000.00, or any other sum, for the reconstruction and replacement or repairs to the River Street/Leavitt Hill Road Bridge or to act on anything relative thereto. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for use as an offset against budgeted appropriation for the Town Buildings Account - Town Hall Renovations in the sum of \$30,000.00 or to take any other action or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, appropriate from available funds, transfer from revenue surplus

or borrow, or any combination of the foregoing, and expend the sum of \$7,717.00, or any other sum, for the replacement and repair of 1,465 feet of chainlink fence and backstops located at the Ashland Town Beach and Packard Field, and to direct that an application be filed for matching Federal Funding and Grants, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town of Ashland shall call upon the Governor and Executive Council, its State Representative(s) and State Senator to promptly convene a Special Session of the Legislature for the sole purpose of preventing the imposition of huge cost increases in electric rates resulting from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant on the citizens, businesses, schools and agencies in the Town of Ashland, and to direct the Selectmen to promptly notify our above listed elected officials of the Town's desire. (Petitioned by ten or more legal voters.)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and expend the sum of \$20,573.73 for the State Highway Block Grant (State to contribute \$20,573.73) or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw and expend the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Sanitary Department Capital Reserve Fund for use of the Sanitary Department, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw and expend the sum of \$7,330.28, plus such interest that may accumulate until such withdrawal, from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund to be applied toward the purchase of an aerial ladder truck for the Fire Department, and to discontinue said Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, appropriate from available funds, appropriate from revenue surplus, transfer from capital reserve or borrow by bonded debt and/or accept donations, or any combination of the foregoing, and to expend the sum of \$12,500.00, or any other sum, for the purchase of an aerial ladder truck to be used for the prevention of fires and to determine if a committee of six (6) should be selected from the floor of the Town Meeting by the Moderator to purchase said equipment, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Petitioned by ten or more legal voters.) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and to pass any vote in relation thereto, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Robert E. Tucker
James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
Board of Selectmen

Attest, a true copy:
Robert E. Tucker
James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
Board of Selectmen

**ASHLAND TOWN WARRANT 1984
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Fire Station in said Town on Tuesday, March 13th, 1984 at 9:00 am in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2. To vote upon the proposed amendment to the Ashland Environmental Ordinance Section 8.5 as recommended by the Ashland Planning Board by adding the following:

No sewage disposal system which discharges effluent into the ground shall be located within 125 feet of any year-round surface water. Yes_____ No_____

ARTICLE 3. To vote upon the proposed amendment to the Ashland Building Regulations, Article IV, Section 3 as recommended by the Ashland Planning Board by adding the following:

All private sewage disposal systems which discharge effluent into the ground shall be located at least 125 feet from all year-round surface waters.

Yes____ No____

ARTICLE 4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-four.

Robert E. Tucker
James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
Board of Selectmen
Ashland, New Hampshire

A true copy of Warrant, Attest:

Robert E. Tucker
James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
Board of Selectmen
Ashland, New Hampshire

NOTE: The business portion of the Town Meeting for the ensuing year will be held Wednesday, March 14, 1984 at 7:00 PM at the Ashland High School Gymnasium.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton, New Hampshire:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Fire Station in said Ashland on Tuesday, the 6th of November, 1984 (the polls will be open between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.) to act upon the following subjects:

To bring in your votes for Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, Governor, United States Senator, United States Representative, Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representative and County Officers.

To bring in your votes on the alterations and amendments to the New Hampshire Constitution proposed by the 1983 Legislature and the 1984 Constitutional Convention.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-four.

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Selectmen of Ashland

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Selectmen of Ashland

TOWN OF ASHLAND ELECTION RESULTS MARCH 13, 1984

In accordance with the Town of Ashland legally signed warrant by the Board of Selectmen and posted, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Glenn W. Bricker, MD, at 9 AM at the Ashland Fire Station.

It was moved, seconded and adopted to close the polls at 6 PM. The Moderator declared the polls open for balloting.

Results of the balloting were as follows:

Selectmen for Three Years:

John C. Hughes	195	Elected
Robert E. Tucker	25	Write In

Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Three Years:

Rosemarie Hughes McNamara	292	Elected
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Town Treasurer for One Year:

Gloria R. Gammons	305	Elected
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Town Trustee for Three Years:

Richard E. Ogden	285	Elected
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Library Trustee for Three Years:

Lorraine Marsh	274	Elected
Philip Wei	38	

Budget Committee for Three Years;

Judith Gilmore	195	Declined Position
Sheila Page	271	Elected
Beatrice Moody	14	Write In Elected
Kendall L. Hughes	10	Write In Elected

Supervisor of the Checklist for Six Years:

Virginia Danforth	264	Elected
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Budget Committee for Two Years:

Richard Ogden	209	Elected
John W. Laverack, Jr.	123	Elected
Gordon McCormack, Jr.	42	
Beatrice Moody	159	Declined Position

Utility Commissioner for Three Years:		
Francis D. McNamara	273	Elected
Fire Ward for Three Years:		
Robert Duclos	167	Elected
Robert Magoon	120	
Overseer of Welfare for One Year:		
Marjorie Davie	296	Elected
Moderator for Two Years:		
Glenn W. Bricker	90	Write In Elected

Are you in favor of amending the Town of Ashland Environmental Ordinance Section 8.5 by adding the following:

No sewage disposal system which discharges effluent into the ground shall be located within 125 feet of any year-round surface water.

Yes 172	No 70
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Are you in favor of amending the Town of Ashland Building Regulations Article IV, Section 3 by adding the following:

All private sewage disposal systems which discharge effluent into the ground shall be located at least 125 feet from all year-round surface waters.

Yes 182	No 65
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The Moderator declared the polls closed at 6 PM.

The Moderator swore in the following ballot counters: Patricia Tucker, Francis McNamara, Joyce Bavis, Marion Merrill, David Ruell, Philip Preston, Edward Dupuis, Donna Picard, Nettie Dearborn, Arline Wilson, Kelly Magoon, James Rollins, June Bavis, Robert Varney, Eleanor Lyford, Ralph Lyford, Guenivere Newton, Nancy Harris Carter, Hilda Harris, Brice Buckman, Lucinda Bilbow and Paul Lyford.

The Moderator swore in John Hughes, Rosemarie McNamara, Francis McNamara and Marjorie Davie. The Town Clerk swore in Glenn W. Bricker, MD, Richard Ogden, Gloria Gammons, Sheila Page, Beatrice Moody, Virginia Danforth, John W. Laverack, Jr. and Robert Duclos.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 1984
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Glenn W. Bricker, MD, Moderator at 7:00 PM.

It was moved, seconded, and adopted without discussion not to read the entire warrant prior to proceeding with the business at hand.

The Moderator asked that everyone turn to the page in the Town Report where the Warrant is listed. He informed the people that Article 4, the Dog Leash Ordinance, will not be able to be voted upon tonight because of a technicality in the law. The State had changed the law and we must rescind the Dog Control Law that is currently in effect before we can have a dog leash law. The Moderator went on to explain that Article 5 has money in it if Article 4 passed, therefore, that money can be taken out of the budget or left in. A lengthy discussion followed this announcement from the people. Dr. Bricker explained that we could pursue this discussion further under Article 22.

The Moderator asked that anyone having questions pertaining to the Water Department Improvement system to please put them in writing. He felt that this would run a more orderly meeting and felt that it would save time.

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded and agreed to amend Article 1 as follows: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise, appropriate, and expend the sum of not more than \$1,825,000.00 for the Ashland Water Department, for improvements to the Water System; \$775,000.00 of which is to be paid for by Grant money to be received from the United States Department of Agriculture; the Town to borrow not more than \$1,050,000.00 for this project in accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes from the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration, and/or through any other lending institution, whose interest rate is the same or less to be paid back from the property tax base over a period of not to exceed thirty (30) years.

A lengthy discussion pursued. It was moved, seconded and following a ballot vote the motion was defeated 75 Yes and 79 No.

ARTICLE 2. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend, without further vote of the Town, Federal and State Grants which may become

available during the course of the year, and also to accept and expend money from any other government units or private sources to be used for purposes for which the Town may legally appropriate money; provided (1) that such grants and other monies do not require the expenditure of other Town funds not specifically appropriated for the particular purpose for which the grant or other monies are received, (2) that a Public Hearing shall be held by the Board of Selectmen, and (3) that such items shall be exempt from all provisions of RSA 32, relative to limitations and expenditures of Town monies, all as provided by RSA 31:95-B.

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and voted without discussion to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted with discussion to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 5. It was moved, seconded and voted with discussion to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 6. It was moved, seconded and adopted with discussion to accept the provisions of Chapter 674, Sections 5 through 8, of the Revised Statutes Annotated, authorizing the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of Municipal Capital Improvement Projects to aid the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee, and other Boards and Committees in the preparation and consideration of their annual budgets and expenditures, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. It was moved, seconded and adopted without discussion to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:1-A, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. It was moved, seconded and adopted with discussion to authorize the prepayment of Property Taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-A, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. It was moved, seconded and adopted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums in anticipation of taxes, from such sources, upon such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and prudent for the operation of the Town, and to execute such documents on behalf of the Town as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish this purpose.

ARTICLE 10. It was moved, seconded and adopted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus or obsolete supplies and equipment by public auction or sealed bid or to transfer items of historical significance to the Ashland Historical Society without further vote of the Town or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. It was moved, seconded and adopted to authorize the Selectmen to transfer tax liens and convey property acquired by the Town of Ashland by Tax Collector's Deed, by public auction (or advertised sealed bid), or in such manner as determined by Selectmen as justice may require per RSA 70:42.

ARTICLE 12. It was moved, seconded and voted without dissent to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 13. It was moved, seconded and adopted with discussion to raise and appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for use as an offset against budgeted appropriation for the Town Buildings Account-Town Hall Renovations in the sum of \$30,000.00 or take any other action or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. It was moved, seconded and adopted with discussion to raise and appropriate by taxation, appropriate from available funds, transfer from revenue surplus or borrow, or any combination of the foregoing, and expend the sum of \$7,717.00, or any other sum, for the replacement and repair of 1,465 feet of chainlink fence and backstops located at the Ashland Town Beach and Packard Field, and to direct that an application be filed for matching Federal Funding and Grants, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. It was moved, seconded and defeated with discussion to pass over this article.

It was moved, seconded and defeated with dissent not to call upon the Governor and Executive Council, its State Representative(s) and the State Senator to promptly convene a Special Session of the Legislature for the sole purpose of preventing the imposition of huge cost increase in electric rates resulting from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant on the citizens, businesses, schools and agencies in the Town of Ashland, and to direct the Selectmen to promptly notify our above listed elected officials of the Town's desire.

ARTICLE 16. It was moved, seconded and adopted to raise and appropriate and expend the sum of \$20,573.73 for the State Highway Block Grant (State to contribute \$20,573.73) or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. It was moved, seconded to pass over this article, however, following a discussion the second and motion were withdrawn.

It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to withdraw and expend the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Sanitary Department Capital Reserve Fund for the use of the Sanitary Department, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 19. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 20. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to raise and appropriate \$2,444,009.73 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to accept the Town Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and to pass any vote in relation thereto, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. It was moved, seconded and adopted without dissent to remove Article 22 from the table.

Lumina Straw asked how she can get the dog leash law into effect now. She was informed to go to a Selectmen's Meeting and ask to have the current dog control law rescinded and then proceed with getting the Dog Leash Law into effect. The Dog Leash Law will have to be voted on by the people at a Special Town Meeting, therefore, we will have to apply to the Courts to have a special Town Meeting for this purpose along with raising the money for a dog officer.

It was asked who had the right of way at Depot Street and Winona Road. Chief Paquette stated that it was Depot Street and he agreed that it is a very hazardous corner and he had spoken to the State about it already.

Jim Rollins asked that Bob Tucker come forward. Bob Tucker was given a certificate for his years of service to the Town as a member of the Board of Selectmen. Bob Tucker was given a round of applause by the people present.

Jim Rollins made the motion that all the Committee Reports be accepted as printed in the Town Report. John Hughes seconded. The motion carried without dissent.

The Moderator stepped down and the Town Clerk took over. Dr. Bricker made the motion that the Town vote to recommend to the Chief of Police that he freely exercise his discretion with respect to authorizing the members of the Ashland Police Department in the performance of their duties and the manner in which they control the Town, how they operate the cruiser, when they operate it and what they do with it when they think it should not be in operation. It was seconded. A brief discussion followed as to why this motion was made. It was made because of the appreciation for the work well done by the Ashland Police Department. Dr. Bricker went on to say that this was a vote of confidence for the Police Department and a thank you for a job well done. The motion carried unanimously.

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Gymnasium in said town on the thirty-first day of May, 1984, at 7 o'clock in the evening, to review and to act upon the following subjects submitted by petition:

ARTICLE 1. Shall we rescind our adoptions of RSA 466:30-a concerning dog control so that it will no longer be unlawful for a dog to run at large in this Town?

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town adopt the following ordinance pertaining to dogs running at large:

DOG LEASH ORDINANCE

1. No person who is the owner, keeper or custodian of a dog shall allow such dog to run at large at any time of the day or night.

2. Section One shall not apply to dogs being used for hunting, herding, supervised competition or exhibition or training for such, provided that such dog must be within sight at all times of the owner, keeper or custodian.

3. The term "at large" as used in Section One, shall mean off the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian and not leashed.

4. The term "leashed" shall mean that there is attached to the dog a collar and leash, the leash being in the hand or hands of the owner, keeper or custodian in a secure fashion so as to completely control the conduct of such dog at all times when off the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian of such dog.

5. Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties as found in RSA 466:30-a.

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$4,000.00, or any other sum, for the enforcement of such a Dog Leash Ordinance or to act upon anything relative thereto?

ARTICLE 4. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of not more than \$1,825,000.00 for the Ashland Water

Department, for improvements to the Water system: \$775,000.00 of which is to be paid for by Grant money to be received from the United States Department of Agriculture; the Town to borrow not more than \$1,050,000.00 for this project in accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes from the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration, and/or through any other lending institution, whose interest rate is the same or less to be paid back from the property tax rate over a period of not to exceed thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of April 1984.

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Selectmen of Town of Ashland, N.H.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Selectmen of Town of Ashland, N.H.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 31, 1984

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Glenn W. Bricker, Moderator at 7:00 pm. The Moderator proceeded to read the warrant legally signed by the Board of Selectmen and posted.

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded, and adopted without discussion to rescind our adoption of RSA 466:30-a concerning dog control so that it will no longer be unlawful for a dog to run at large in this Town.

ARTICLE 2. The Town of Ashland voted by secret ballot by a vote of 89 yes 28 no to adopt the following after amending Section 2 of this article:

1. No person who is the owner, keeper or custodian of a dog shall allow such dog to run at large at any time of the day or night.

2. Section One shall not apply to dogs used for herding, supervised competition or exhibition or training for such, provided that such dog must be

within sight at all times of the owner, keeper or custodian. Dogs being used for hunting must be within sight or sound of the owner, keeper or custodian.

3. The term "at large" as used in Section One, shall mean off the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian and not leashed.

4. The term "leashed" shall mean that there is attached to the dog a collar and leash, the leash being in the hand or hands of the owner, keeper or custodian in a secure fashion so as to completely control the conduct of such dog at all times when off the premises of the owner, keeper or custodian of such dog.

5. Violations of this ordinance shall be subject to the penalties as found in RSA 466:30-a.

ARTICLE 3. It was moved, seconded and adopted to pass over this article.

ARTICLE 4. It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously to defeat this article.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAY 31, 1984**

To the Inhabitants of the town of Ashland in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Gymnasium in said town on the thirty-first day of May, 1984, at 7:15 o'clock in the evening, to review and to act upon the following subjects submitted pursuant to a decree of the Grafton County Superior Court:

ARTICLE 1. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of not more than \$1,825,000.00 for the Ashland Water Department, for improvements to the Water System; \$775,000.00 of which is to be paid for by Grant money to be received from the United States Department of Agriculture; the Town to borrow not more than \$1,050,000.00 for this project in accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes from the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Ad-

ministration, and/or through any other lending institution, whose interest is the same or less to be paid back from the property tax rate over a period of not to exceed thirty (30) years.

ARTICLE 2. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the thirteenth day of April 1984.

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Selectmen of the Town of Ashland

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Selectmen of the Town of Ashland

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 31, 1984

The meeting was called to order by Glenn W. Bricker, Moderator at 9:30 PM.

The Moderator read the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. It was moved, seconded following a period of lengthy discussion to dismiss this article.

ARTICLE 2. The names of the people who signed the petition for the first Town Meeting pertaining to the Water Department were read to the people present. John Hughes was asked to announce who had been selected to serve on the Water Department Study Committee.

The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

SEPTEMBER 11, 1984

The Moderator declared the polls open at 9 AM.

The Moderator declared the polls closed at 6 PM. The Moderator swore in the following Ballot Counters Joan Doggett, Susan Longley, John Longley, John Hughes, Hilda Harris, Marion Merrill, Diana Farrell, David Ruell, Brice Buckman, Philip Preston and Clara Hinds.

Results of the Balloting are as follows:

Democratic Ballot

For Governor:

Paul McEachern, Portsmouth	20
Chris Spirou, Manchester	26
Robert L. Dupay, Nashua	2

United States Senator:

Norman E. D'Amours, Manchester	45
Roger Heath	1 Write In

For Representative in Congress:

Larry Converse, Claremont	6
Elliot S. Maggin, Campton	32
Carmen C. Chimento, Brookline	6
G. Lamprey	1 Write In

For Executive Councilor:

Ray Burton, Bath	1 Write In
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For State Senator:

Robert Heath	1 Write In
Roderick Allen	1 Write In
Judd Gregg	1 Write In
Roger Heath	1 Write In

For Representative to the General Court:

Mary Ruell	1 Write In
Paquette	1 Write In

For Sheriff:

Herbert Ash	7 Write In
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For Register of Deeds:		
Charles A. Wood	1	Write In

For Register of Probate:		
Virginia B. Kidder	1	Write In

For Delegate to the State Convention:		
Philip Preston	44	

Republican Ballot

For Governor:		
John H. Sununu, Salem	120	
James F. Fallon, Manchester	10	
Chris Spirou	1	Write In
Paul McEachern	1	Write In

For United States Senator:		
Gordon J. Humphrey, Greenfield	124	
D'Amours	1	Write In

For Representative in Congress:		
Judd Gregg, Greenfield	125	

For Executive Councilor:		
Raymond S. Burton, Bath	100	
Milton Hank	1	Write In
Dick Ash	1	Write In

For State Senator:		
George Lamprey, Center Harbor	21	
William H. Zelif Jr., Jackson	28	
Roderick Allen, Ossipee	18	
Roger Heath, Sandwich	60	

For Representative to the General Court:		
Edward J. Bennett, Bridgewater	11	
Michael Hunter, Ashland	2	Write In

For Sheriff:		
Herbert W. Ash, Campton	116	
John Cloud	2	Write In

For County Attorney:		
John B. Eames, Littleton		105
For County Treasurer:		
A. Frank Stiegler III, Haverhill		96
Joseph S. Haas, Ashland		27
For Register of Deeds:		
Charles A. Wood, Haverhill		114
For Register of Probate:		
Virginia B. Kidder, Haverhill		112
For County Commissioner:		
Richard L. Bradley, Thornton		52
Leonard F. Anderson, Plymouth		63

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

FEDERAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 6, 1984

In accordance with the legally signed and posted warrant by the Board of Selectmen the Moderator, Glenn W. Bricker, MD, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at the Ashland Fire Station.

It was moved, seconded and adopted to open the polls at 9:00 am. There was not a motion made to extend the polling hours, therefore, the Moderator declared that the polls would close at 6:00 PM.

The results of the balloting were as follows:

President and Vice President of the United States:

Ronald Reagan/George Bush	491	votes
Walter Mondale/Geraldine A. Ferraro	158	votes
David P. Bergland/James A. Lewis	3	votes
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr./Billy M. Davis	1	votes
Dennis L. Serrett/Nancy Ross	0	votes
John Paul Oswald	1	write in

For Governor:

John H. Sununu, R.	494	votes
Chris Spirou, D.	144	votes

For United States Senator:

Gordon J. Humphrey, R.	454	votes
Norman E. D'Amours, D.	193	votes
Saunder H. Primack, L.	2	votes

For Representative in Congress:

Judd Gregg, R.	537	votes
Larry Converse, D.	103	votes
Alan S. Groupe, L.	5	votes

For Councilor:

Raymond S. Burton, R.	449	votes
Raymond S. Burton, D.	138	votes
Milton Graton	1	write in
Meldrim Thompson	1	write in

For State Senator:

Roger Heath, R.	486	votes
Dudley Dudley	1	write in

For Representative to the General Court:

Edward J. Bennett	466	votes
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For Sheriff:

Herbert W. Ash, R.	462	votes
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Herbert W. Ash, D.	126	votes
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For County Attorney:

John B. Eames, R.	442	votes
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John B. Eames, D.	128	votes
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For County Treasurer:

A. Frank Stiegler III, R.	441	votes
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A. Frank Stiegler III, D.	124	votes
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Joe Haas	1	write in
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For Register of Deeds:

Charles A. Wood, R.	452	votes
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Charles A. Wood, D.	126	votes
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For Register of Probate:

Virginia B. Kidder, R.	446	votes
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Virginia B. Kidder, D.	124	votes
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For County Commissioners:

Leonard F. Anderson, R.	448	votes
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Leonard F. Anderson, D.	127	votes
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QUESTION A. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to change the date on which the votes for councilors are laid before the house of representatives and senate to the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in January?

This question is submitted to the voters by the 1983 Legislature on votes of 300 to 0 in the House of Representatives and 21 to 0 in the Senate (CACR 3)

Yes 349

No 140

QUESTION B. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide that in the event of a vacancy in the office of governor or the incapacity of the governor to perform his duties, the president of the senate, speaker of the house, secretary of state and state treasurer, in that order, shall be acting governor until the vacancy is filled or the incapacity removed; that if a vacancy in the office of governor for the remainder of the governor's term

occurs before the commencement of the last year of his term, a special election for governor shall be held; that the incapacity of the governor shall be determined by his written declaration or of judgment of the supreme court; that the office of governor may be declared vacant by the general court when the governor or governor-elect has been incapacitated for a period of 6 months, and that a justice of a New Hampshire court shall administer the oath of office to the newly-elected governor?

This question is submitted to the voters by the 1983 Legislature on votes of 257 to 83 in the House of Representatives and 21 to 1 in the Senate. (CACR 9)

Yes 405

No 108

QUESTION C. Are you in favor of amending the Constitution to provide for electing the governor every four years, with a limitation of 2 consecutive terms?

This question is submitted to the voters by the 1983 Legislature on votes of 282 to 57 in the House of Representatives and 17 to 6 in the Senate. (CACR 2)

Yes 301

No 242

Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the Convention to Revise the Constitution.

QUESTION 1. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to provide that voting registration and polling places shall be easily accessible to all qualified persons including disabled and elderly persons? (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 266 Yes, 44 No.)

Yes 518

No 102

QUESTION 2. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to prohibit the state from mandating or assigning any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities which require additional local expenditures to any political subdivision, unless such programs or responsibilities are either fully funded by the state or approved for funding by a vote of the local legislative body of the political subdivision? (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 272 Yes, 62 No.)

Yes 350

No 232

QUESTION 3. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to provide that no footnotes or section of any budget bill before the legislature shall contain any provision which establishes, amends or repeals statutory law, other than provisions establishing, amending or repealing operating and capital expenses for the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government?

(This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 301 Yes, 34 No.)

Yes 418

No 139

QUESTION 4. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to change the size of New Hampshire's legislative bodies without changing the total number of legislators by decreasing the current size of the House of Representatives by 12, to 388 members, and increasing the current size of the Senate by 12, to 36 members? (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 270 Yes, 76 No.)

Yes 327

No 254

QUESTION 5. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to provide for annual sessions of the legislature; and to restrict mileage payments for actual attendance on legislative days to a maximum of 45 legislative days per session but not after the first day of July of each year? (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 278 Yes, 76 No.)

Yes 391

No 187

QUESTION 6. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to reduce the age requirement for persons being elected to the office of state senator or executive councilor from 30 years of age to 25 years of age? (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 279 Yes, 66 No.)

Yes 258

No 325

QUESTION 7. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to provide that, in order to commit a person in a criminal insanity proceeding, the state must establish that the person is potentially dangerous to himself or to others and suffers from a mental disorder by a standard of "clear and convincing evidence" only, rather than by the current, stricter standard of "proof beyond a reasonable doubt"? (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 297 Yes, 35 No.)

Yes 419

No 176

QUESTION 8. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to provide that, in order to entitle the parties to a trial by jury in civil cases, the amount involved in such cases must exceed \$5,000 instead of \$500 as is now provided? (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 288 Yes, 60 No.)

Yes 331

No 255

QUESTION 9. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to eliminate the power of the governor and council to prorogue (that is, to extend) a recess of the legislature, without its consent, for up to 90 days? (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 251 Yes, 89 No.)

Yes 311

No 262

QUESTION 10. Are you in favor of amending the constitution to provide that all of the assets of both the New Hampshire retirement system and any other retirement system for public officers and employees operated by the state or its political subdivisions shall be used exclusively for the benefit of any such retirement system and shall not be diverted or used for any other purpose, and that the New Hampshire retirement system or any successor system shall be fully funded each fiscal year as determined sound actuarial valuation and practice? (This question is submitted to the voters by the 1984 Constitutional Convention by a vote of 300 Yes, 40 No.)

Yes 478

No 114

The Moderator closed the polls at 6:00 PM. The Moderator swore in the new ballot clerks. The following people were the ballot clerks: David L. Ruell, Gerald A. Reeve, Susan Wei, Mary Ruell, Paul Wilson, Clara M. Hinds, James H. Rollins, Arline E. Wilson, Edward A. Dupuis, Sharon A. Monahan, Tina Stewart, Andrew Evans, Marilyn Rollins, Leonard Duguay, Mark W. Ober, Susan M. Ober, Patricia Holland, Patricia Tucker, Nettie Dearborn, Robert Tucker, Mary O'Donnell, Gayle McCarthy, Linda Pack, Joan M. Doggett, Ann Reeve, Jeanne Reeve, Marion Merrill, Alice Johnson, Judith Gilmore and Sheila Page.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

Attest: A true record:
Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

Summary Inventory Of Valuation

1984

Description of Property		
Land		\$13,256,625.00
Buildings		28,409,400.00
Public Utilities (Electric)		543,700.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes		584,450.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed		<u>\$42,794,175.00</u>
Blind Exemption	30,000.00	
Elderly Exemption	355,300.00	
Total Exemptions		<u>356,300.00</u>
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$42,408,875.00

Developer's Escrow Account

Road Performance

1984

Cash Balance, January 1, 1984	\$19,207.35
Interest Earned 1984	1,092.21
Expenditures 1984	<u>.00</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 1984	\$20,299.56

Statement of Appropriations And Taxes Assessed

For the Tax Year 1984 of the
Town of Ashland in Grafton County

APPROPRIATIONS

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 6,375.00
Town officers' expenses	67,300.00
Election and Registration Expenses	1,155.00
Cemeteries	1.00
General Government Buildings	37,950.00
Reappraisal of property	1,500.00
Planning and Zoning	1,100.00
Legal Expenses	4,320.00
Advertising and Regional Association	1,474.00
Contingency Fund	600.00
Industrial & Economic Development Commission	500.00

Public Safety:

Police Department	91,132.00
Fire Department	50,000.00
Civil Defense	1.00
Building Inspection	0.00
Forest Fires	1,500.00

Highway, Streets, Bridges:

Town Maintenance	1.00
General Highway Department Expenses	107,740.00
Street Lighting	16,740.00
Bridges	1.00
Highway Block Grant	20,573.73

Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	18,935.00
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Health:

Health Department	5,675.00
Hospitals and Ambulances	7,000.00

Welfare:

General Assistance	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	14,000.00

Culture and Recreation:

Library	9,500.00
Parks and Recreation	30,011.00
Patriotic Purposes	775.00
Cemeteries	1.00
Memorial Park	150.00

Debt Service:

Principal of Long Term Bonds & Notes	35,000.00
Interest Expense - Long Term Bonds & Notes	23,100.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	40,000.00

Capital Outlay

Highway Equipment	1.00
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Miscellaneous:

Municipal Water Department	50,700.00
Municipal Sewer Department	125,765.00
Municipal Electric Department	1,524,600.00
FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions	12,903.00
Insurance	29,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	2,000.00

Total Appropriations	\$2,344,280.00
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SOURCES OF REVENUE**Taxes:**

Resident Taxes	11,490.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	56.00
Yield Taxes	1,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	40,100.00
Inventory Penalties	1,200.00
Boat Registrations	2,100.00

Intergovernmental:

Shared Revenue-Block Grant	49,162.00
Highway Block Grant	20,573.73
Railroad Tax	89.00
State Aid Water Pollution Projects	33,617.00

Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land Val 2210	41.00
Other Reimbursements	50.00

Licenses and Permits:

Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	50,000.00
Dog Licenses	850.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	3,500.00

Charges For Services:

Income From Departments	31,600.00
Rent of Town Property	300.00
Fine, Forfeits, Municipal Court	215.00
(Electric Dept.)	23,100.00

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Interests on Deposits	25,000.00
Sale of Town Property	60,000.00

Other Financing Sources:

Income from Water and Sewer Department & Electric Dept.	1,801,065.00
Revenue Sharing Fund	30,000.00

Total Revenues and Credits	2,275,109.00
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TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriations	2,344,280.00
Total Revenues and Credits	2,275,109.00
Net Town Appropriations	69,171.00
Net School Tax Assessments	768,405.00
County Tax Assessment	76,680.00
Total of Town, School & County	914,256.00
DEDUCT Total Business Profits Tax	92,417.00
ADD War Service Credits	8,900.00
ADD Overlay	25,920.00
Property Tax to Be Raised	856,659.00

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Valuation × Tax Rate = Property Taxes to be Raised
 $\$42,408,875 \times \$20.20 = \$856,659$

TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS

Property Taxes to be Raised	856,659.00
Less War Service Credits	8,900.00
Total Tax Commitment	847,759.00

TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

Tax Rates	1983	1984
Town	8.48	1.73
County	1.93	1.73
School Dist.	18.24	16.74
Municipal Tax Rate	28.65	20.20

Audit Statement

**Carri, Plodzik, Sanderson
Accountants and Auditors
193 North Main Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have examined the combined financial statements and the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1983, as listed in the table of contents. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As described in Note 1B, the combined financial statements referred to above do not include financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, except that omission of the General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts results in an incomplete presentation, as explained in the above paragraph, the combined financial statements and the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire at December 31, 1983, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Our examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined financial statements taken as a whole and on the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental schedules in the tables of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the combined, combining, individual fund and account group financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

May 24, 1984

Carri, Plodzik, Sanderson

Town Business Administrator's Report For 1984

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Ashland:

The Fiscal Year 1984 was devoted to overall program assessment and performance evaluation of the services provided by your municipal government. The delivery of services is the primary task assigned to Town government, whether it be landfill operations, public beach facilities, fire protection or the printing of this Annual Town Report.

In evaluating the functions of government it is necessary to determine what areas must be serviced and on what priority level. A long hard look has been taken at all service areas with the greatest concentration of effort being centered on the Town's fulltime and major line departments (Highway, Sanitary, Police, Fire and Recreation).

It became apparent during the evaluation process that heavy weighting must be given to the future liabilities facing the Town when considering the level and placing of future services and funding. While all town Departments have needs, wants and desires for their own areas and services, a common sense approach must be taken if the Town and its Citizens are to realize a return on the tax dollars invested in governmental operations.

In the final analysis my examination has indicated that the Town's efforts and financial resources should be directed to resolving the current state of disrepair in the roadway infrastructure. This area has the greatest overall liability and the greatest potential for long range cost effective improvement.

OUR ROADWAY SYSTEM

Examination of the roadways within the community and their current condition reveals some shocking, but important facts. The Town currently has ownership rights and maintenance responsibilities for over 19 miles of roadway. At the cost of \$30.00 per running foot to construct a road surface the investment is slightly over \$3 million dollars in 1984 funds. Roadways are made up of many items besides the paved surface that we use for transportation. There are the signs, guard rails, culverts, headwalls, closed drains, curbing and ditches to name a few.

Examination of the department charged with this function of maintaining our roadways indicates major needs far in excess of those in other depart-

ments. Little or no funds have been spent in recent years to provide the Highway Department with equipment or manpower necessary to perform the task of providing proper roads or maintaining them.

Inspection of individual streets with the Town indicate major shortcomings that must be corrected within a short period of time. Most of our roads are improperly built, a large number of culverts have either failed or are in the process of failure. The bridges that are a part of the system are in urgent need of repair or replacement, some streets are in such poor condition that they will return to dirt roads within a few years. The list could go on and on, but one thing is plain to see, major expenditures are needed at once to correct or save what is left of the Town's roadway system.

Current projections would indicate that the Town will need to provide at least \$200,000.00 per year for the next ten years for roadway work alone. The task is to rebuild 1.9 miles of road per year on a pay as you go basis.

The Town should take notice of its priorities and layout a plan to meet those needs before the cost becomes more than the community can reasonably meet.

In closing I would like to thank the members of the Board of Selectmen for their assistance during the year. Likewise, those hardworking individuals who compose the Town Office Staff, Rosemarie McNamara, Susan Ober and Patricia Tucker without whose help nothing would have been accomplished, and the hundreds of Citizens of the Town of Ashland for their help and assistance during the past year.

Frederick W. Welch
Town Business Administrator

Tax Collector's Report

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1984

Town of Ashland

-DR.-

	----Levies Of:----		
	1984	1983	Prior
Uncollected Taxes-Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$	\$317,895.77	7,993.24
Resident Taxes		2,090.00	
Sewer Rents		33,691.51	
Taxes Committed To Collector:			
Property Taxes	856,867.35		
Resident Taxes	10,730.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	87.00		
Sewer Rents	122,311.63		
Added Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	1,490.00	30.00	
Overpayments:			
a/c Property Taxes	981.03		
a/c Resident Taxes	90.00		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes:	1,059.65	19,822.21	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:	15.00	34.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$993,631.66</u>	<u>\$373,623.49</u>	<u>\$ 7,993.24</u>

-CR.-

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	\$639,221.76	\$317,179.68	\$
Resident Taxes	9,950.00	320.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	87.00		
Sewer Rents	110,205.82	33,691.51	
Interest Collected During Year	1,059.65	19,882.21	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	15.00	34.00	
Tax Deeded Property	2,433.31	41.54	
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes	6,723.57	674.55	7,993.24
Resident Taxes	1,120.00	1,800.00	
Sewer Rents	908.86		

Uncollected Taxes-End of Fiscal Year:**(As Per Collector's List)**

Property Taxes	209,469.74		
Resident Taxes	1,240.00		
Sewer Rents	11,196.95		
TOTAL CREDITS	\$993,631.66	\$373,623.49	\$ 7,993.24

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1984****-DR.-**

	-----Tax Sales on Account of Levies Of-----			
	1984	1983	1982	Previous Years
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes-Beginning Fiscal Year	\$	\$	\$ 85,664.48	\$ 58,578.67
Taxes Sold To Town During Current Fiscal Year		279,550.67		
Interest Collected After Sale		12,153.95	5,086.35	9,249.34
Redemption Costs		288.00	212.25	243.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$	\$291,992.62	\$ 90,963.08	\$ 68,071.01

-CR.-**Remittances to Treasurer****During Year:**

Redemptions	\$	\$175,883.92	\$ 26,324.32	\$ 46,089.43
Interest & Costs After Sale		12,441.95	5,298.60	9,492.34
Abatements During Year		3,283.80	704.02	8,476.56
Deeded To Town During Year		4,918.12	4,425.32	4,012.68
Unredeemed Taxes-End of Fiscal Year		95,464.83	54,210.82	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$	\$291,992.62	\$ 90,963.08	\$68,071.01

Rosemarie McNamara
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1984	\$25.00
Receipts:	
Auto Permits	\$57,182.00
Dog Licenses	902.50
Misc.	529.00
Total	<u>\$58,613.50</u>
Paid to Town Treasurer	\$58,613.50
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1984	\$25.00

Rosemarie McNamara
Town Clerk

Annual Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand December 31, 1983	\$111,199.62
Total receipts through Dec. 31, 1984	\$3,912,397.67
Total expenses through Dec. 31, 1984	<u>3,866,643.85</u>
	45,753.82
	<u>\$156,953.44</u>
Checking Account Balance	\$ 40,444.35
Revenue Sharing Account	15,184.93
Cold Spring Properties Account	20,299.56
Money Account	80,873.86
Petty Cash	<u>150.74</u>
	\$156,953.44

This is a correct statement of the transactions of the Town of Ashland, N.H. treasury, during the period of January 1, 1984 through December 31, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria R. Gammons, Treasurer

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures 1984

	Appro- priations 1984	Expendi- tures 1984	(Over) Under 1984
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 6,327.17	\$ 47.83
Town Officers' Expense	67,300.00	64,033.79	3,266.21
Election & Registration	1,155.00	1,415.55	(260.55)
Town Buildings	37,950.00	51,576.93	(13,626.93)
Reappraisal of Property	1,500.00	1,820.30	(320.30)
Tax Map	600.00	440.00	160.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	91,132.00	92,233.14	(1,101.14)
Fire Department including Forest Fires	51,500.00	42,249.63	9,250.37
Blister Rust & Care of Trees	1.00	342.72	(341.72)
Planning and Zoning	1,100.00	991.94	108.06
Insurance	31,200.00	38,871.61	(7,671.61)
Civil Defense	1.00	11.11	(10.11)
Health:			
Health Dept. includ. Ambulance	12,675.00	13,847.60	(1,172.60)
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	18,935.00	16,497.19	2,437.81
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	107,370.00	99,416.25	7,953.75
Highway Block Grant	20,573.73	22,128.13	(1,554.40)
Street Maintenance	1.00	.00	1.00
Bridges	1.00	5,644.84	(5,643.84)
Street Lighting	16,740.00	16,606.80	133.20
Libraries:			
Library	9,500.00	9,500.00	.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	5,000.00	977.73	4,022.27
Old Age Assistance	14,000.00	5,068.20	8,931.80

Patriotic Purposes:	775.00	750.00	25.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playgrounds	30,011.00	28,936.99	1,074.01
Memorial Park	150.00	158.43	(8.43)
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipal Sanitary Department	225,762.00	118,003.53	107,758.47
Municipal Water Department	50,700.00	46,273.01	4,426.99
Municipal Electric Department	1,524,600.00	1,160,752.86	363,847.14
Cemeteries	1.00	.00	1.00
Unclassified:			
Damages and Legal Expenses	4,320.00	4,320.00	.00
Advertising	1,474.00	1,473.78	.22
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	12,903.00	16,824.94	(3,921.94)
Debt Service:			
Principal-Long term notes	35,000.00	35,000.00	.00
Interest-Long term notes	23,100.00	23,100.00	.00
Interest-temporary notes	40,000.00	28,634.33	11,365.67
Capital Outlay:	1.00	.00	1.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:			
School District Tax	828,721.90	828,721.90	.00
County Tax	76,680.00	76,680.00	.00
Overlay (Abatements & Refunds)	30,501.43	30,501.43	.00
Total Budgetary Appropriations	\$3,379,310.06	\$2,890,131.83	\$489,178.23

Payroll 1984

Employee	Town	Water	Sanitary	Electric
Ernest Paquette	\$ 20,224.08	\$	\$	\$
Kenneth Guyotte	5,366.00			
Scott Weden	15,284.92			
Susan Polucha	2,038.81			
Francis McNamara	1,105.53			750.00
Pauline Heath	4,924.51	90.00		50.00
Kenneth Bandilla	1,116.69			
Philip P. Defosses	1,529.15			
Paul Holt	270.52			
Scott Moore	1,039.89			
Peter J. Gardner	9,829.59			
John F. Wilkinson	1,385.74			
Eric Kaminsky	1,993.21			
Thomas Marsh				25,792.24
Rosemarie McNamara	2,640.40	3,374.47	313.27	9,748.96
Pamela Beane	52.00	142.00		134.00
Gregory Paquette				8,305.90
Wayne Hughes		6,946.20	15,822.09	
Donald Boynton		4,594.41	2,487.34	
Arthur Prince	837.00	953.38	7,091.90	
Albert Perry Jr.				246.00
Maurice Schofield	68.00			
Douglas Brosius			102.50	
Maurice Pickering			125.00	
Frederick Welch	18,874.83			
Susan Ober	7,453.71	176.02	2,461.84	220.00
George Bagge	1,831.77			
Shirley Marcroft	2,970.00			
Beverly Manyk	331.00			
David Ruell	1,764.49			
Patricia Tucker	3,354.75		814.50	
Francis Murdock	721.20			
Mark Ober	18,656.96	35.25		
James Godville	14,467.92	37.62		
Stephen Lyford	12,650.92			
John Morgan	13,329.23			
William Porter	900.00			
Robert Inkel	285.75			
Bette Fields	1,113.75			
Barry Cottrell	868.50			
Brian Dickinson	734.85			
Shawn Magoon	38.53			

Raymond Bergeron	1,900.00			
Grace Vachon	829.13			
Vicki Potter	2,017.31			
Michelle Beede	1,915.48			
Joan Doggett	402.00			
Ann Marie Barney	590.38			
Sara Lyford	528.50			
Patty Heinz	1,225.00			
Shirley Bilodeau	502.50			
Margaret Winn	32.80			
Elizabeth Weden	13.40			
Timothy Bilodeau	31.40			
Steve Vachon	268.00			
Heidi Merrill	135.00			
Adrienne Sanborn	78.73			
Pamela Potter	114.80			
Jeanette Lee	102.18			
Guenivere Newton	133.17			
John Longley	38.53			
Ralph Lyford	67.84			
William Delory				1,696.26
Mark Lyford	9.00			
Kendall B. Hughes		45.00		
Norman Lyford	31.50	45.00		
Thomas Lyford	67.50			
David McCormack	40.50			
Arlene Mills	167.00			
Clara Hinds	146.57			
Kendall Hughes				250.00
Donald Knowlton		750.00		
Gloria Gammons	1,450.00	375.00	375.00	800.00
Edward Dupuis	3,200.00			
Marjorie Davie	600.00			
Hilda Harris	977.17			
John Hughes	640.00	50.00		543.00
James Rollins	850.00			
Richard Ash	350.00			
Richard Ogden	350.00			
Florence Goodwin	240.00			
Glenn W. Bricker M.D.	150.00			
Kenneth Avery	54.00			
Jeffery Uhlman	448.50			
Douglas Uhlman	402.00			
Diana Farrell	60.00			
Marion Merrill	80.00			
Thelma Lyford	254.60			

Virginia Danforth	128.98			
Donald Niles Jr.		45.00		
Ralph Patterson	271.00	45.00		
Norman Marsh	1,100.00			
Merritt Fields	996.00			
Richard Cross	271.00			
Arland Sawyer	460.00			
Thomas Stewart	622.00			
Daniel Uhlman	272.50			
Fawn Stickney	491.00			
Richard E. Cross Jr.	110.00			
Gary Bavis	352.50			
Robert Duclos	388.50			
David Nichols	495.00			
Paul Beadle	504.50			
David Barney	105.00			
Fred Morton	71.00			
Henry Bates	375.50			
Ronald Shaw	447.15			
Mark Donoghue	50.00			
Lester Boynton	558.50			
Lee Bavis	230.00			
Carlton Abear	331.50			
Raymond Normandin	34.00			
Henry Silva III	23.00			
Glen Ober	77.00			
Michael Myshrall	127.00			
Robert Magoon	539.50			
David Paquette	455.50			
Albert Blake	442.50			
Stephen Uhlman	200.00			
Thomas Winn	250.00			
Beverly Noble	250.00			
Robert Tucker	160.00			
Frances Platt	2,193.30			
Clara Cilley	2,191.05			
Richard O'Brien	25.00			
Raymond Burke Sr.	225.00			
Rena Brace	1,011.14			
Joyce Bavis	750.00			
Jill Mudgett	341.70			
Luke Dupuis	70.00			
Total Payroll	\$209,516.01	\$ 17,704.35	\$ 29,593.44	\$ 48,536.36

Ashland Highway Report

1984

This year the Highway Department, after new granite curbing was installed, repaved the following sidewalks: parts of North and South Main Streets, Gordon, School, and Mechanic Streets. The sidewalk on Cottage Street was rebuilt and an asphalt curb was laid down.

With regard to the Hicks Hill project, 950 feet of road was rebuilt and a total of 2000 feet was resurfaced from the bottom of Hicks Hill to the beginning of Peppercorn Road.

One project that was done this summer was the cutting of brush, replacing of culverts and graveling of Owl Brook and Lambert Roads. All the gravel roads were graveled and graded once during the 1984 season.

The following streets were oiled this past year: Owl Brook, Hicks Hill, School, Highland, Cottage and Spring Streets.

Again this year, the Highway Department has found it difficult to perform necessary tasks due to the lack of proper equipment. With rental costs high and rental equipment unavailable when needed the road conditions are constantly getting worse.

As in previous reports, I find that I must emphasize the need for the town to appropriate funds for the purchase of heavy equipment.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark W. Ober
Road Agent

Ashland Electric Department

RECEIPTS

Appropriations

\$1,524,600.00

EXPENDITURES

New Construction	\$ 23,112.86
Deposits	3,293.10
Building	2,000.00
Substation	3,735.10
Dist. Poles and Anchors	4,559.51
Dist. Primary Conduct.	6,352.20
Dist. Secondary	5,680.04
Transformers	5,434.90
Customer Meters	2,347.21
Street Light Equipment	43.88
Office Equipment	2,004.02
General Tools and Equipment	2,227.14
Power Purchased	950,903.34
Superintendence	7,434.33
Maint. Structure and Equipment	3,088.96
Maint. Substation	3,660.31
Maint. Distribution	3,282.93
Maint. Primary	3,765.27
Maint. Secondary Services	2,721.71
Maint. Trees & Right of Ways	438.90
Maint. Meters & Transformers	1,274.65
PCB Disposal	7,323.57
Maint. Street Lights	1,637.07
Customer Meter Readings & Collections	4,779.18
Substation PCB Disposal	25,578.00
Telephone and Postage	3,072.31
Bad Debts, Audit, Utilities & Misc.	3,486.90
Billing and Accounting	6,911.44
Engineering	2,496.38
Rate Study	.00
Heating Fuel	2,388.85
General Office Salary	2,232.25
Commissioners Salary	1,500.00
Lawyers	500.00
Commissioners Expense	312.94
Maint. Office Equipment	1,724.31
General Office Supply	1,884.35

Insurance	6,711.83	
Stores and Shop	1,024.86	
Truck Expense	5,307.03	
Social Security Taxes	3,411.10	
In lieu of Taxes	23,100.00	
Hydro & FHA note	8,191.25	
Maint. Expense	5,318.52	
Contingency	4,500.36	
Balance	363,847.14	
		\$1,524,600.00

SUMMARY

Balance in Checking Account, 12/31/84	\$ 2,148.61
Balance in Insured Money Account 12/31/84	145,217.55
Balance in Savings Accounts 12/31/84	175,128.17
Total Cash in Banks, December 31, 1984	\$ 322,494.33

1984 Report

This past year the Electric Department installed 4700 feet of new three phase primary line on North Main and West Streets and installed 1405 feet of new primary line at various other locations. Thirty seven new poles were set and changed over, and seventeen new meter sockets were issued.

A new storage shed has been constructed adjacent to the existing storage shed on Collins Street, and a new chipper was purchased. A small wooden bridge was built to replace a culvert and the road leading to the hydro facility was improved.

Three thousand, four hundred thirty gallons of transformer oil was removed at the substation and replaced with new oil.

A new joint ownership agreement has been entered into with the N.E. Tel. & Tel. Co. replacing the old one dating back to 1918.

Ashland Water Department

RECEIPTS

Appropriations	\$50,700.00
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EXPENDITURES

Engineering	\$ 5,290.16
New Services	130.48
New Hydrants	2,879.01
New Meters	3,024.82
New Equipment	1,063.60
Deposits	401.61
Superintendence	2,971.48
Assistant Superintendent	1,074.44
Source of Supply	1,495.85
Purifications Labor	3,651.57
Chlorine	1,072.43
Water - Tests	266.00
Power Purchased	934.85
Water Structure	.00
Purifications - Repair	1,405.58
Repairs - Mains	684.16
Repairs - Services	1,816.88
Repairs - Hydrants	873.07
Repairs - Meters	334.46
Reading Meters	757.18
Office Clerk Salary	3,879.52
Commissioners Salary	750.00
General Expense	3,060.69
Heating Fuel	1,236.22
Insurance	3,624.01
Stationery and Printing	1,472.88
Stores and Shop	382.14
Truck Expense	542.14
FICA	1,197.78
Balance	4,426.99

\$50,700.00

SUMMARY

Balance in Checking Account 12/31/84	\$ 5,064.90
Balance in Insured Money Checking Account 12/31/84	20,986.21
Balance in Savings Account 12/31/84	183,089.35
Total Cash in Banks, December 31, 1984	\$209,140.46

1984 Report

The Ashland Water Department supplied 48,841,000 gallons of water in 1984. The high flow for the year was 335,000 gallons per day with a low of 76,000 gallons per day. The daily average for the year was 133,811 gallons.

The high month was August, with a flow of 4,907,000 gallons, with a daily average of 158,290 gallons.

The Department replaced the gears in the main meter during January of 1984.

New chlorine tanks were installed and elevated above the chlorinators in order to comply with new state regulations.

The reservoir was cleaned on November 18, 1984.

The Water Department will be implementing a cross connection control program as required by the Water Supply Pollution Control Commission. This program will affect high hazard areas first.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hughes, Superintendent

Ashland Water Study Committee

The Committee for the improvement of the water system for the Town of Ashland has met on three occasions.

The first meeting was devoted to a general discussion of the water supply situation and the condition of the distribution system.

The general consensus of the Committee was that under no circumstances would the people of Ashland accept the "so-called" I-93 well as a source of water supply.

There was also discussion as to the continued use of Jackson Pond as a water supply source. It is the understanding of the committee that even if Jackson Pond was an adequate supply the State Water Pollution Control Commission would not accept it and we would still require another type of closed water supply. There are two alternative choices (1) a water treatment plant; or (2) a well in another location.

A water treatment plant would cost in the area of \$400,000.00 to \$600,000.00 to construct and an annual cost of approximately \$22,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to maintain.

The other choice would be a well, if a suitable location can be found. This would involve the cost of location and drilling the well, which, hopefully would be of a sufficient amount to supply the needs of the Town for many years.

The opinion of the committee was that the best option was a well. Due to the fact that there is a very limited aquifer situation in Town that would permit the conventional type of well to be found it was decided to inquire about a relatively new type of ground water exploration that involves the drilling of a well in what is called deep rock areas.

The Committee met with Mr. George Cook of BCI Geonetics, Inc. which specializes in this type of ground water exploration. BCI Geonetics, Inc. has had a considerable amount of success in other areas of New Hampshire as well as other New England states in finding suitable and adequate drinking water supplies.

As a result of this meeting the Committee recommended to the Utility Commissioners that the BCI Geonetics, Inc. be allowed to conduct a ground water supply exploration program to include an updated study of Jackson Pond. This updated study would determine its suitability as a water supply.

The Utility Commissioners agreed to the above and on November 8, 1984, a contract was signed with the BCI Geonetics, Inc. in the amount of \$19,310.00 for the first phase of the program.

On December 17, 1984, the BCI Geonetics, Inc. provided a report which outlines the parameters of the first phase and identifies preliminary favorable water supply areas within the town and the safe yield and storage capability of Jackson Pond.

It was also brought to the attention of the Committee that the grant money from the Farmer's Home Administration which was thought to be unavailable as the result of the vote at the Special Town Meeting held in May 1984, is still available. The representatives from the Farmer's Home Administration stated that if the Town were to present a plan of action for finding a new and adequate water supply to be presented at the 1985 Town Meeting and that this plan received a favorable vote from the Townspeople we could still receive the grant and loan package.

Ashland Water Study Committee
Thomas W. Winn, Chairman
Donald Marsh
Ellis Gammons
Beatrice Moody
Lumina Straw
David Ruell
Wayne Hughes

Sanitary Department

RECEIPTS

Appropriations

\$225,762.00

EXPENDITURES

SEWER:

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 4,069.05
Assistant's Salary	1,508.43
New Consumer Services	.00
Materials & Supplies	277.68
Ejector Station	75.90
Ejector Station Power	721.54
Repairs - Mains & Manholes	4.05
Grit Chamber	16.25
Truck Expense	484.59
Fuel - Heating	.00
Private Sewers	.00
Office Clerk Salary	2,149.09
Office Expense	4,040.03
Insurance	1,330.26
Social Security Taxes	1,040.49
Comp. 83 Reconst.	12,175.37
Computer Services	337.50
Balance	99,212.77

PLANT:

Superintendent's Salary	11,753.04
Assistant's Salary	8,070.81
Equipment Replacement	20,704.09
Chlorine	682.82
Hydrogen Chloride Gas	2,017.37
Materials & Supplies	1,614.91
Laboratory	220.00
Electrical Power	34,392.62
Outside Maintenance	122.02
Truck Expense	514.21
Telephone	747.25
Telephone Alarm	239.97
Office Clerk Salary	2,231.55
Office Expense	3,885.23
Insurance	1,199.29

Social Security Taxes	1,040.62	
Computer Services	337.50	
Balance	8,545.70	
		\$225,762.00

SUMMARY

Balance in Checking Account, December 31, 1984	\$ 244.21
Balance in Savings Account, December 31, 1984	22,834.95
Total Cash in Banks, December 31, 1984	\$ 23,079.16

1984 Report

The Ashland Sanitary Treatment Plant treated 181,574,000 gallons of sewage in 1984. The high flow was 3,000,000 per day. The daily average was 497,000 per day. This is treated with 3760 pounds of chlorine. Chlorination is not required from November 1 to April 1.

The plant received 151,000 gallons of septage in 1984.

The Sanitary Department cleaned 3000 feet of 8" sewer main on Winter, Mill, Depot, Carr, Main and River Streets, also 200 feet on 12" pipe at the Treatment Plant was cleaned with a high pressure cleaner.

The Department cleaned 70,000 feet of air tubing in the lagoons with rollerflex.

Four blowers were replaced at the treatment plant. The flow meters were also replaced.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hughes, Superintendent

SANITARY CONSTRUCTION

1984

Balance in Checking Account 12/31/83	\$ 2,385.82
Interest Earned	173.43
Expenditures	.00
Balance on Hand 12/31/84	\$ 2,559.25

Report of the Ashland Sanitary Department Financial Management Study Committee

The committee has examined the financial condition of the Ashland Sanitary Department to see whether the funds available to the department today are sufficient to enable it to provide current services, meet emergencies, and replace equipment as it wears out.

In the course of this inquiry, the committee has also studied the rate structure for sewer service in Ashland to find out whether rates are fair and are producing enough income so that the department can cover its expenditures, now and in the foreseeable future.

In addition, the committee has compared some aspects of the operation of Ashland's department with similar operations in the neighboring towns of Plymouth, Meredith, and Bristol.

Findings

The committee's findings are as follows:

1. Although it appears at first glance that Sanitary Department finances are not in serious trouble — income received by the department last year exceeded expenditures, for example — the fact is that the department has made no provision for capital outlays that will be necessary in the years immediately ahead. These outlays will be for replacement of worn-out equipment, upgrading of the system, and emergencies. (It should also be noted that there were operating deficits averaging \$9,000 a year in four of the last five years.)

2. The department's cash reserves have been in two accounts — a savings account and a capital reserve fund. Both have been used to finance recent operating deficits (in the years 1980-1983), to replace equipment at the plant, and to improve the system on Spring, Cottage, Gordon, Main, School, and Highland streets. The result is that the savings account will probably run out of money in 1985, and the capital reserve fund will be seriously depleted this year by proposed work to improve the sewers serving Pleasant, Mechanic, and Hill streets.

3. The basic fact is that there has never been a system of departmental payments into a depreciation reserve, although departmental accounts currently call for an annual amount of \$40,000 to be set aside for that purpose.

4. By using its savings and capital reserve fund accounts as a depreciation reserve, the department has been postponing the inevitable need to increase income to cover depreciation of plant, equipment, and worn-out or unsatisfactory sewer lines.

5. The average residential user in Ashland now pays about \$10 per month, or \$120 a year, for sewer service. This is based on a rate equaling 125 percent of the water rate (reduced from 150 percent in 1979, when water rates were doubled), and it compares with these average user costs in neighboring towns: Plymouth, \$159 a year; Meredith, \$138 a year; and Bristol, \$125 a year.

6. The principal industrial user of the Ashland sewer system currently pays about 69 percent of the annual cost of operating the system (an estimated \$85,500 out of \$124,762 in 1984). And yet this user accounts for an estimated 95 percent or more of the use of the system: average daily flow at the plant runs approximately 600,000 gallons, but when the principal user shuts down for vacation in the summer, flow at the plant from all other 300 or so users combined, residential and commercial, amounts to about 30,000 gallons, or 5 percent of the average daily total.

7. The current rate structure for sewer service in Ashland does not distinguish among different types of users. For example, single-family residences, multi-unit apartment houses, and commercial enterprises all pay the same rates. By contrast, neighboring towns tend to differentiate among user types.

8. Currently, it is the practice of the Sanitary Department to charge a \$100 connection fee for new hookups to the sewer system — that is, for laying pipes from the sewer mains to the premises to be served — regardless of the actual cost involved. Neighboring towns charge a connection fee ranging from \$25 to \$125, and in addition, the customer pays the full cost of connecting to the sewer main.

9. Ashland makes no additional assessments on property owners at the time new sewer mains are installed adjacent to their properties. Such assessments, called “betterments,” are customary in other towns (although not in Plymouth or Bristol), and are based on the fact that property values are increased when sewer service is provided by the towns.

10. Although there is at present a five-phase plan to improve the sewer system in Ashland, this plan seems to contain many uncertainties. Meanwhile, the Sanitary Department does not have a longer-range plan for system extensions and improvements. The result is that financial planning is correspondingly difficult.

Recommendations

In the light of these findings, the committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Sanitary Department income should be increased to cover all operating costs, plus payments into a depreciation reserve that should be created to fund the replacement of worn-out or obsolete facilities and equipment. Such a depreciation reserve should be used only for that purpose. Until such a reserve is established and adequately funded, the Board of Selectmen may choose (with voter approval) to continue to finance the replacement of capital assets from the department's capital reserve fund.

2. The committee does not believe that the Sanitary Department should aim to accumulate a surplus, but it does believe that income should be sufficient to cover all departmental outlays, including a realistic provision for the future.

3. The proposed increases in departmental income should be drawn from four sources:

- a. New rates for industrial users that would reflect actual use. Flow meters should be installed on the premises of and at the expense of these industrial users, to measure their outputs into the Ashland sewer system. Ashland should not be subsidizing the use of its sewer system by its industrial residents, important as those industries might be to the town. Their sewer charges should be proportionate to their use of the system and the character of their effluent.

- b. New rate schedules that should be established for non-industrial users to distinguish among these users and reflect their use levels. Multi-unit dwellings, commercial enterprises, and single-family residences should be treated separately in calculating sewer charges, although it is suggested that all rates be calculated on a common base, or measure (one neighboring town defines such a measure, or "unit," as the amount of water consumed by a family of four in a given time period). All users should pay a minimum charge before sewer service is calculated, and additional charges should be based on water meter readings, or actual flow — not on a percentage of the water bill.

Each apartment in a multi-family dwelling should be considered a separate system user.

Commercial establishments should also pay a minimum based on their average use, plus a charge for actual flow.

Single-family residence rates should then be set to provide a total income sufficient to meet the department's needs as outlined in point one.

c. Connection fees that fully cover the costs as new sewer customers are added to the system.

d. Some proportion of extension costs to be paid by adjacent property owners through "betterment" assessments, as is common in other communities. This will help reduce the burden for the taxpayer who is not served by the sewer system, and yet be fair because the taxpayer who is served also receives a property improvement. In general, system extensions should be financed by the town through its tax receipts, as these extensions represent improvements to the town as a whole and thus benefit all of its taxpayers.

4. As an aid to management, rate-setting, and financial planning, Ashland's Sanitary Department should design a five- or six-year plan projecting specific system improvements and extensions — including the cost implications of these improvements and extensions.

5. At the committee's request, the Town Administrator has provided the committee with a memorandum listing specific suggestions regarding management practices in the Sanitary Department. Several of these suggestions have been covered in this report. The committee recommends that the remaining points in the memo be reviewed by the selectmen together with the administrator, as these points have to do with general management questions and are beyond the committee's assignment.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Bavis, Chair
Ronald Abear
Beatrice Moody
John Newsom
James Rollins
Laurent Ruell
Robert Tucker

January 10, 1985

TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
As of December 31, 1984

Sewer Bonds
(State Guaranteed)
4.4 percent

Amount of Original Issue	\$1,100,000.00
Date of Issue	September 1, 1968
Principal Payable Date	September 1st
Interest Payable Date	March 1st & September 1st

Payable at	<i>Boston Safe Deposit</i> <i>Trust Company, Boston, Mass.</i>
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<i>Maturities—</i>	<i>— Total —</i>	
<i>Fiscal Year Ending:</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1984	35,000.00	23,100.00
December 31, 1985	35,000.00	21,560.00
December 31, 1986	35,000.00	20,020.00
December 31, 1987	35,000.00	18,480.00
December 31, 1988	35,000.00	16,940.00
December 31, 1989	35,000.00	15,400.00
December 31, 1990	35,000.00	13,860.00
December 31, 1991	35,000.00	12,320.00
December 31, 1992	35,000.00	10,780.00
December 31, 1993	35,000.00	9,240.00
December 31, 1994	35,000.00	7,700.00
December 31, 1995	35,000.00	6,160.00
December 31, 1996	35,000.00	4,620.00
December 31, 1997	35,000.00	3,080.00
December 31, 1998	35,000.00	1,540.00
	\$525,000.00	\$184,800.00

TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS
As of December 31, 1984

Hydro Electric Bond
5 Percent

Amount of Original Issue
Date of Issue
Principal Payable Date
Principal & Interest
Payable Date

\$100,000.00
March 5, 1982
September 5th

March 5th

	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1984	3,450.00	4,742.00
December 31, 1985	3,450.00	4,569.00
December 31, 1986	3,450.00	4,396.00
December 31, 1987	3,450.00	4,224.00
December 31, 1988	3,450.00	4,052.00
December 31, 1989	3,450.00	3,879.00
December 31, 1990	3,450.00	3,706.00
December 31, 1991	3,450.00	3,534.00
December 31, 1992	3,450.00	3,362.00
December 31, 1993	3,450.00	3,189.00
December 31, 1994	3,450.00	3,016.00
December 31, 1995	3,450.00	2,844.00
December 31, 1996	3,450.00	2,672.00
December 31, 1997	3,450.00	2,499.00
December 31, 1998	3,450.00	2,326.00
December 31, 1999	3,450.00	2,154.00
December 31, 2000	3,450.00	1,982.00
December 31, 2001	3,450.00	1,809.00
December 31, 2002	3,450.00	1,636.00
December 31, 2003	3,450.00	1,464.00
December 31, 2004	3,450.00	1,292.00
December 31, 2005	3,450.00	1,119.00
December 31, 2006	3,450.00	946.00
December 31, 2007	3,450.00	774.00
December 31, 2008	3,450.00	602.00
December 31, 2009	3,450.00	429.00
December 31, 2010	3,450.00	256.00
December 31, 2011	3,400.00	85.00
	\$96,550.00	\$67,558.00

Town Deeds List

Description	Recorded in Woodsville	
	Volume	Page
Ashland Bathing Beach - Leavitt Rd.	863	431
Easement - Water Main Extension - Thompson St. (Norman)	815	279
Playground deeds, No. Main St.		
Sullivan	562	119
Spaulding	826	71
Kilpatrick	969	156
Brown	770	328
Firemen's Hall and land-South Main Hillside Avenue	425	82
Road to Cross-Gray Properties — off River Street	959	75
Land-Between Beatrice Hill's and Squam River - River Street	471	126
Cottage Place	939	225
Cottage Place	973	358
Water Works Deed	92	304
Sawmill Property (see partial sale to Squam Lakes Association 8/66)	480	1
Electric Company purchase	541	484
Substation right-of-way - Hussey Land	1003	10
Cote-Gould Land - Collins St.	1016	222
Spaulding Land - No. Main St.	1032	378
Main Street Deed - Garage	661	84
Hill Terrace	664	79
Flag Area - Main - River Sts.	658	267
Triangle of land at Collins St. Bridge	1077	598
Land Carr Avenue	1491	545
Knapp Property - No. Main St.	1087	510
Marine Land - Corner River-Main Sts.	1099	430
Sirles Land - Main St.	1099	429
Whipple Property - Pleasant St.	1120	106
Landfill Property	1142	551
Towne Property - So. Main St.	1204	415
Town Hall Deed	319	514
Scribner Memorial Library	146	122
Luff Land - Intersection at So. Main and Mill Sts.	1267	264
Main Street - Municipal Parking Lot	712	169

Collins Street - Municipal Garage
Land & Buildings, 7 No. Main St.

1513 205

Belknap County

Jackson Pond - Berry Land	92	321 & 322
Jackson Pond - Flowage & Drainage rights	92	339 & 340
Jackson Pond - Smith Land	89	4
Reservoir-Plaisted Land ROW for Main	336	526
Reservoir Road and ROW - Plaisted	104	387
Reservoir Road and ROW - Berry	104	388
Jackson Pond-Thompson land - flowage and Drainage Rights	92	272
Jackson Pond-Smith Land	92	270 & 271

Town Clock Deed

Recorded Town Clerk Book - May 22, 1894

Revenue Sharing

1984

Fund Balance, December 31, 1984	\$17,164.23
Receipts 1984	26,324.00
Interest 1984	1,696.70
Operating & Maintenance Expense 1984	30,000.00
Fund Balance, December 31, 1984	\$15,184.93

Reconciliation Savings Account

December 31, 1984

Savings Book, Meredith Village Savings Bank

Account #48327	\$15,184.93
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Report of Trust And Capital Reserve Funds

Town of Ashland
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1984

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	-PRINCIPAL-			-INCOME-			
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds	Gains or (Losses)	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
Various Various	CEMETERY FUND:			8,964.28		8,964.28		761.27	761.27	
	Perpetual	Cemetery Care	MVSB	1,531.38		1,531.38	162.23	138.53	117.52	183.24
	Various	Cemetery Care	MVSB	10,495.66		10,495.66	162.23	899.80	878.79	183.24
3/8/77 8/7/74 11/26/26	LIBRARY FUNDS:			1,000.00		1,000.00		114.72	114.72	
	Pauline Packard	Library Books	PGSB	500.00		500.00		54.72	54.72	
	Cheney Fund	Library Books	MVSB	1,391.88		1,391.88		109.60	109.60	
	Ordway Fund	Library Books	MVSB	2,891.88		2,891.88		279.04	279.04	
8/18/78	MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS:									
	SCHOLARSHIPS									
	Edward Deggett	Scholarship	MVSB	2,000.00		2,000.00	111.52	233.27	200.00	144.79
	Memorial Scholarship									
	Memorial Funds Donated By:									
	Memorial Park Beautifica- tion Comm.									
	Ashland Chamber of Commerce	Maintenance	Bank Deposit	7,534.27		7,534.27	1,669.15	909.02		2,578.17
9/26/51 11/21/62	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			9,534.27		9,534.27	1,780.67	1,142.29	200.00	2,722.96
	Capital Reserve	Fire Truck	Bank Deposit	5,000.00		5,000.00	2,461.28	418.62		2,879.90
	Capital Reserve	Highway Truck	Bank Deposit				568.76	39.61		608.37
3/8/77	Capital Reserve	Main Extension	Bank Deposit	56,330.85	100,000.00	156,330.85	60,188.32	25,471.42		85,659.74
	Capital Reserve	Fire Alarm	Bank Deposit	11,033.03		11,033.03	1,199.21	1,171.76		2,370.97
3/8/77	Capital Reserve	Park & Rec	Bank Deposit		8,000.00	8,000.00		2,751.20		2,751.20
	Total Capital Reserve			72,363.88	108,000.00	180,363.88	64,417.57	29,852.61		94,270.18
	TOTAL FUNDS			95,285.69	108,000.00	203,285.69	66,360.47	32,173.74	1,357.83	97,176.38

Ashland Police Department

1984

The time has come to increase the department manpower. We should be putting on two new officers, to go on 24 hour coverage. I have put in the 1985 budget for one new one this year and will go for another officer next year. Time is very important for an officer to respond as soon as possible. As it stands now, for the most part, I answer all calls after the officer goes home at 2:00 A.M. By the time a call is made to the Plymouth Dispatch and all information is taken, and then a call to my home, or whoever may be on call and the information given again, and then the time to get up and dressed and on the road, one could be in serious trouble. The winter months increase this time even more, with ice and snow to be removed before the cruiser can leave.

I know that this all costs a lot of money, but we must think of Life and Property.

The increase in paper work had made it so that I had to put the secretary on a 40 hour week. Reports to the State and getting work typed for Court, twice per week, also reports to lawyers has increased, and now the use of radar has increased the court load and an additional set of records has to be sent to Concord, as we used the Highway Safety Funds to purchase these items. The use of radar has also increased our D.W.I. arrests, which is great.

Officer Gardner has completed 10 weeks of training at the N.H. Police Academy. Officer Gardner had an 88.94 average, which put him 5th in a class of 37 students.

We lost Sergeant Guyotte to the New Hampshire State Police in June of 1984. Sergeant Guyotte was a good officer, and we wish him the best in his new job as Trooper for the New Hampshire State Police.

Our Dog Officer has been in operation and after a few things were ironed out this is working great. The officer patrols 20 hours a week besides being on call.

With the town offices moving downstairs we have been pushed into smaller quarters. We are out of storage space and cannot expand our facility. We are in bad need of a supply room and evidence room. We do not have a good safe place to secure weapons and ammunition.

Overall we had a busy year which included a drug raid in conjunction with the New Hampshire State Police. We will be working harder to keep the drug problems in check and hope for more arrests in this area.

We, of the Department, wish to express our thanks to the Ashland Woman's Club and L.W. Packard for their support towards purchasing the two radar units. I will be working closely with the Woman's Club Safety Committee to improve the safety of our town. Again, I thank you for your support and will always work for a better tomorrow for the people of Ashland.

1984 COURT CASES

false reports to officer	3	possession of controlled drug	2
conduct after accident	2	protective headgear	1
unsafe tires	4	child restraint law	1
solid line violations	8	indecent exposure	1
bad checks	3	operation after suspension	4
theft of services	1	no eye protection	1
criminal trespass	10	burglary	2
criminal threatening	1	shoplifting	1
disorderly conduct	11	unauthorized stickers or decals	1
stop sign	10	probation violated	1
speed	44	loitering	1
misuse of plates	3	DWI 2nd	2
DWI	9	bald tires	1
uninspection	16	operating without a valid	
illegal possession of alcohol	5	license	5
transportation of alcohol	7	criminal mischief	12
backing limitations	2	DWI aggravated	2
defective equipment	1	operating without corrective	
failure to keep right	1	lenses	1
no tail lights	1	assault aggravated	2
unregistered vehicles	9	operated motorcycle without	
reckless operation	3	license	1
unauthorized use of motor vehicle	1	drinking in public	2
operating motorcycle without		theft	3
operator permit	1	simple assault	8
traffic light	5	unauthorized use of firecrackers	3
allow unlicensed person to		littering	3
operate	1	passing on the right	1
		procuring	1

Motor Vehicle Death	(1)
Superior Court Indictments	(5)
State Hospital Commitments	(2)
Juvenile Court	(5)
Assist Other Departments	(35)

Court Fines	(\$14,579.00)
Collection bad checks	(\$1,924.59)
Parking tickets	(64)
MV accidents	(69)
Property checks	(38)
Warnings and write up slips	(367)

1984 REPORTED CASES

noise complaints	29	domestic disturbances	45
false alarms	46	criminal mischief	29
assaults	8	dog complaints	80
fire (chimney, grass, assists)	23	DWI's (pending in court)	10
thefts	36	untimely deaths	2
bad checks	17	sheriffs sale	1
medical emergencies	30	assist motorists	26
horses running loose	3	delivered paperwork	64
disorderly conduct	2	missing persons	6
delivering messages (deaths, medical, etc.)	9	suspicious persons	6
drug raid	1	continuing investigations	12
vandalism reports	5	shots fired	4
assist other P.D.'s	12	livestock loose	12
Fish and Game (deer problems)	2	possible child abduction	3
attempted suicides	2	truant from school	2
check in on older persons (senior meals)	6	brawls	2
burglaries	13	transported to jail	6
		stolen motor vehicles	2
		house escorted through town	1

Ashland Fire Department

1984

1984 was a busy year for the Fire Department and myself. We've spent many hours reorganizing and upgrading department policies for the benefit of the town.

Fire Prevention Week was a great success. We had an excellent program for the elementary school and high school. We also spent a lot of time inspecting local businesses.

A stand-by generator was donated to the Fire Department (to be used in case of power failure) and it's all installed and working.

This year we also stressed more training for the men. Twelve members of the department have taken the State Level One Fire Fighters course and all passed. They are: Skip Fields, Arthur Prince, Bud Sawyer, Gary Bavis, Lee Bavis, Doug Uhlman, Jeff Uhlman, Dan Uhlman, Bob Magoon, Tom Stewart, Dave Nichols and Fawn Stickney. The men had to put in a lot of hours and give up many weekends for this course but it was well worth it.

A reminder to everyone: Please be careful when disposing ashes from your stoves. We have had four fires this year caused by careless disposal of ashes. Make sure you dump them in a safe area and don't use plastic containers.

I'd also like to thank Deputy Chiefs Skip Fields and Arthur Prince for the many hours spent helping on training and reorganizing the department. They made my first year as Chief a lot easier.

Breakdown of Fire Calls

Medical Aid	55	Motor Accidents	2
Car Fires	4	Gas Leak	1
Chimney Fires	15	Stove Fire	1
Partition Fires	2	False Alarm	1
Smoke Investigation	2	Dump Fire	1
Structure Fires	8	Flood Work	1
Mutual Aid	19	Grass Fire	4
Auto Accidents	12	Alarm Investigation	11
Rescue	1		
		Total Calls	140

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Marsh
Fire Chief

Report Of Town Forest Fire Warden And State Forest Ranger

Our first forest fire prevention law was enacted by our State Legislature 90 years ago. This early law set in place a cooperative forest fire prevention and suppression effort between city and town governments and State government. It simply stated that no open fire could be kindled, when the ground is free of snow, without the written permission of the town/city Forest Fire Warden. This law also stated that anyone kindling a fire without written permission shall be liable for the damage caused and subject to a \$1000 fine.

During the past 90 years, this law has worked so well that it has remained unchanged. All open fires when the ground is not covered with snow must be authorized by the local Forest Fire Warden. Persons kindling a fire without a permit when one is required are liable for damages caused, fire suppression costs and subject to a \$1000 fine.

This cooperative fire prevention law has contributed significantly to our nationally recognized annual forest fire loss record.

1984 STATISTICS

	STATE	DISTRICT	TOWN
No. of Fires	875	34	0
No. of Acres	335	39	0

E. Sven Carlson
Forest Ranger

Norman Lyford
Forest Fire Warden

Report of the Planning Board

1984

As usual, much of the Planning Board's time was spent dealing with subdivisions. During the year, the Board held hearings on and approved seven subdivisions. It also met and corresponded with three potential subdividers who have not yet submitted formal proposals. Time was also spent dealing with the road bonds for three prior subdivisions. The subdivision regulations were the subject of much discussion and were amended three times. After two public hearings in February, new sections were added to the subdivision regulations on public or community water and sewerage systems, and on erosion control. Developers will now be held responsible for the extension or upgrading of public water and sewer lines serving their subdivisions. Public lines must be built to Town standards and are subject to the approval of the appropriate municipal department, while private systems must be approved by the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission. The developer may be required to show that a proposed private water supply is adequate for the subdivision. As-built plans of new public lines and private community systems are to be provided to the Town. Adequate measures must be taken to control soil erosion during road construction and lot clearing. In July the board adopted standards for subdivisions with waterfront access lots. These regulations, designed to control funnel or backlot development, set minimum standards for area, shore frontage, parking and toilet facilities for waterfront lots used to provide recreational access to lakes and rivers for subdivisions.

In other regulatory actions, the Board held a public hearing, as required by State law, on a request for a discretionary easement. The Board also granted construction permits for five driveways. (State law requires a construction permit from the local planning board for any new driveway or enlargement of an existing driveway on a town road.) Street numbers were assigned to the properties on Pease Road.

At the March 1984 election, the voters adopted the Planning Board proposed amendments to the Building Regulations and the Environmental Ordinance, requiring that private sewage disposal systems which discharge effluent into the ground be located at least 125 feet from all year round surface waters. At the March 1985 town election, the Board will be proposing another amendment to the building regulations to comply with a new state law. All building codes must now include a specific provision for a building code board of appeals. The state law allows only two options 1) creating a separate board of appeals, or 2) assigning that duty to the existing board, the board of adjustment in towns with zoning ordinances, the board of selectmen in towns

without zoning. In Ashland, the Selectmen have served as the board of appeals, but they have not been specifically named as such in the Building Regulations. Since there have been few appeals in the past, and they have been adequately handled by the Selectmen, the Planning Board did not see a need to create a separate board of appeals. Therefore, the proposal on the March ballot will ask that the selectmen serve as the board of appeals (or, if a zoning ordinance is adopted, that the Board of Adjustment so serve).

The Master Plan was nearing completion in 1984. The board reviewed the remaining chapters as drafted by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. The Master Plan, as revised by the Board, was printed by the LRPC. Copies were distributed to town agencies and were placed on sale at the Town Office. One chapter, the Downtown Improvement Plan, was printed under a separate cover, and also distributed to downtown property owners and businesses. Copies of both can be seen at the Town Office or at the Town Library. By the time this report is published, the final hearing on the Master Plan, scheduled for late January, will no doubt have been held. The only section of the Master Plan still to be written is the Capital Improvements Program. At the March 1984 meeting, the Town voted to give the Planning Board the authority to adopt a Capital Improvements Program. But, state law requires that before a planning board can consider such a program, the town departments must present their individual department programs for capital improvements. Unfortunately, as some departments have not yet developed such plans, the Board has not been able to begin work on the overall capital improvements program for the Town. We do hope, that, in 1985, we will be able to proceed with this all important plan.

The Board has devoted much of 1984 to working on a zoning ordinance for Ashland. A draft ordinance prepared by the Lakes Region Planning Commission was subjected to many long hours of discussion. In the process, the ordinance was much revised, reduced and simplified. A summary of the proposed ordinance was printed and mailed to the Town's voters in December. A public hearing was held on the proposal in mid December, and at least one more hearing was planned for January. At this writing, in early January, the Board was considering changes to the commercial district boundary as a result of the first public hearing. The Board has tried to make the proposed ordinance as simple and as flexible as possible, but still able to protect the environment, our property values, and the quality of life in Ashland. As the ordinance has been described in some detail in the summary, we will not discuss it again in this report. But, we do hope that the voters will give the zoning ordinance serious consideration when it appears on the town ballot in March.

The Planning Board saw a great deal of turnover in 1984. John Hughes replaced James Rollins as the ex-officio Selectman member. Raymond Normandin, Richard O'Brien, George Bagge, and Robert Varney left the Board, while David Paquette, Edward Hubbard, Beverly Manyk, and Francis Murdock joined the Board. After George Bagge resigned from the Board and his position as official secretary, Vice Chairman Phil Preston served as acting Secretary until David Brown was elected to that office. After four years as the Board's only employee, Beverly Manyk resigned as clerk, to be replaced by Florence Goodwin.

In closing, I would like to thank the members for their participation in the past year, and all those who assisted the Board in its work in 1984.

Respectfully submitted,
David Ruell, Chairman
Ashland Planning Board

Report Of The Building Inspector 1984

There were 52 building permits issued in the past year. My predecessors, Mr. Bagge and Mr. Ruell, have issued 39, the remainder since mid October were issued by myself. This is an increase of permits over past years indicating a favorable growth trend for Ashland.

Respectfully submitted,
Francis L. Murdock
Building Inspector

Report of the Health Officer 1984

1984 was a rather quiet year, with few complaints to the Health Officer. A dog bite complaint and a garbage complaint were satisfactorily resolved. Also investigated was a tenant's complaint about the lack of heat in an apartment house that was later taken by the Town for the nonpayment of taxes. State required inspections of three day care centers and three homes for foster children were made during the year.

I would like to thank the Town Office staff for their help in 1984.

Respectfully submitted,
David Ruell
Health Officer

Report of the Overseer of Welfare 1984

When Mrs. Marjorie Davie moved to live closer to her work, I was appointed to this office on October 1 to serve until Town elections in March, 1985.

We appreciate Marjorie's work in organizing the procedures and thank her for her contributions in making the position operate more efficiently.

Since October, two emergencies of need for food were met. We want the Town to understand that this service is not a gift. It is an emergency service for which the Town expects to be reimbursed when conditions for the recipient improve.

Respectfully submitted,
Hilda M. Harris

Ashland Town Library Report 1984

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1984	\$2,721.54	
1984 Appropriation	9,500.00	
Gifts, Fines, Copier donations, book sales, etc.	1,044.15	
Interest on checking account	34.10	
		\$13,299.79

Expenses

Books purchased	4,097.42
Magazines	191.48
Supplies	444.57
Misc.	599.89

Salaries

Librarians		
Frances Platt	2,046.54	
Clara Cilley	2,044.45	
Jill Mudgett - Training aide	94.67	
Social Security	614.42	
		10,133.44

Balance per check book December 31, 1984	3,129.56
Cash on hand	36.79
Balance on hand December 31, 1984	3,166.35

Bank Accounts

Meredith Village Savings Bank

Cheney Account 1/1/84	700.92	
Dep. & Int.	145.15	
Balance on hand 12/31/84		846.07
Ordway Account 1/1/84	852.85	
Dep. & Int.	150.15	
	1,003.00	
Withdrawal	- 176.38	
Balance on hand 12/31/84		826.62
Pauline Packard Trust Fund 1/1/84	474.70	
Dep. & Int.	151.47	
Balance on hand 12/31/84		626.17

Philip Stevens Book Fund 12/31/84
 Dep.

500.00

Balance on hand 12/31/84

500.00

Petty Cash Report
January 1 - December 31, 1984

Balance on hand January 1, 1984

\$ 25.85

Income

Donations

\$ 5.00

Fines

7.55

Books

4.00

Donations for copier use

175.74

192.29

Total income for year

\$218.14

Expenses

Transfer to treasurer for general acct.

177.50

Book postage

4.20

Stamps

5.40

Desk supplies

7.28

Total expenses

194.38

Balance on hand December 31, 1984

\$ 23.26

	Circulation	Books Loaned
Adults	1634	4032
Juveniles	933	2324

Ashland Town Library

Trustees Report 1984

Our first order of business this year was to use the gift of money from the L.W. Packard Co. to purchase a large selection of new books for the children's room. We have continued throughout the year to try and improve this area. Purchases were made of complete new sets of the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boy series to replace the worn and incomplete sets that we had.

During the summer we held our first book sale consisting mainly of duplicates, books that had not been taken out for a number of years, etc. This sale was a success and gave us quite a bit of room for the new books that we order frequently. The money received from the sale was put in our general fund to purchase more new books.

The trustees made several trips to buy books and there are books on order most of the time. During the year over 550 books were added to our shelves.

A meeting was held with the Scribner Trustees and further improvements discussed.

The copier and typewriter continue to be in demand. The monthly changes on the bulletin board continues to enchant us all. Again, thank you Dorothy Dupuis for this service. Our library was beautifully decorated again this Christmas and we hope that many of the townspeople took time to view this lovely building and its decorations.

Library Trustees
Lorraine Marsh
Sheila Page
Beverly Manyk-Morton

Scribner Trustees' Report

1984

In 1984, the Trustees continued the maintenance and upkeep of the Scribner Memorial property.

We purchased RSA's for the use of the Trustees and the public.

A desk for the librarian's use was purchased.

SCRIBNER TRUSTEES

Edward Dupuis
Richard Ogden
Richard Ash
Raymond Burke, Sr.
Samuel Norman

FINANCIAL REPORT as of December 31, 1984

Balance 12/31/83	\$148,014.26
Receipts	19,255.40
Capital Gains	2,158.51
Transfers	265,557.91
Expenditures	15,742.81
Transfers	265,557.91
Balance 12/31/84	\$153,685.36

Proof of Balance

Balance:

Meredith Village Savings Bank Money Fund	
a/c 095 34020	2,601.06
Meredith Village Savings a/c 14364	12.41
Meredith Village Checking a/c 23 479801	5,115.24
Petty Cash in Hands of Officials	100.00
Plymouth Guaranty Savings Money Funds	
a/c 051 561934	41,894.02
Pioneer Stock II	103,962.63
Balance 12/31/84	\$153,685.36

Ashland Parks and Recreation

The year of 1984 was a very good one for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

We consider ourselves to be extremely fortunate in having the type of personnel who are competent and who conduct themselves in a manner which reflects credit to themselves as well as the Town of Ashland.

Our main objective for the year 1985 is to improve the playground and picnic area at the L.W. Packard Field.

We would like to express our gratitude to the taxpayers of Ashland for their continuing support of our programs.

The Ashland Parks &
Recreation Commission
Thomas W. Winn
Kathleen Marsh
Robert Tucker
Patricia Koning
Herbert Story

Fourth Of July Report

1984 Celebration

RECEIPTS

Earnings on accounts in Meredith Village Savings Bank, January to December, 1984	\$ 213.83
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Appropriation, Town of Ashland	500.00
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Chamber of Commerce Activities	
Food Sale, July 3	\$ 493.58
Food Booth Profit	732.13
Beer Booth Profit	408.26
Sales of Fund-raising Merchandise *	530.00
Concessions	885.76
Chicken Bar-b-q Donation	200.00
Games	142.00
Rambling Roads Donation	100.00
	3,491.73

Total Amount Raised in 1984	\$4,205.56
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EXPENDITURES

Fireworks Display and Detonation	\$2,200.00
Parade Expenses	391.40
Entertainment, July 3 and 4	520.89
Sanitary Facilities, July 3 and 4	233.07

Total Expenditures for 1984	\$3,345.36
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Net Balance	\$860.20
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Cash on hand, January 1, 1984	\$2,908.08
Amount Raised, 1984	4,205.56

Total Funds Available	\$7,113.64
Less Expenditures, 1984	3,345.36

Cash Balance, December 31, 1984	\$3,768.28
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Meredith Village Savings Bank
Cash Management Account
NOW Account

\$2,799.89

968.39

\$3,768.28

* Purchased in 1983

Mary W. Ruell
Treasurer

Since the Fourth fell mid-week this year, we returned to a celebration on July 3 and 4, thereby reducing both energy and expense. Sales of fund-raising merchandise purchased in 1983 also helped increase income.

The hard work involved is truly amazing as a relative few undertake what has become almost a regional event. As it has been unofficially called by some, this celebration of the nation's birthday has also become an "Old Home Day" for the town when one can expect to meet old friends and renew acquaintances.

Planning for 1985 has already begun with the consideration of several improvements. It is hoped that the whole community will assist in making this a noteworthy event.

Ashland Memorial Park

Financial Report

Balance in Checking and Savings

Accounts 1-1-84	\$ 1,602.32		
Income - 1984			
Bike-a-thon		\$ 3,321.00	
Memorial Gifts		1,800.00	
Day in the Park		600.00	
Ashland C of C - Spring Fling		1,370.00	
Misc. Gifts		2,939.03	
Total	\$ 1,602.32	\$10,030.03	= \$11,632.35

Outgo - 1984

Total balance paid			
on note MVS		7,500.00	
Interest on note		842.89	
Maintenance, replacements		.	
and legal fees		2,400.36	
		\$10,743.25	10,743.25
Balance on hand or in banks			\$ 889.10

For current figures on Trust Fund see the Town Trustees Report

What a year! From a balance due of \$7500.00 on December 31st, 1983 to no outstanding debts and a balance on hand of \$889.10 on December 31st, 1984. All due to a community which has shown an appreciation and awareness of the value of a beautiful green area in the heart of our town. We are a community of great potential and we need to let the world know - to take pride in what we have and show it off. This banner year was made possible through much hard work and many generous gifts from interested people. Some were memorial gifts which will be entered in our Memorial Book and may be seen at the library.

We now look forward to landscaping the upstream section of the park this coming season - making it a place of beauty. Plans are in the making and we anticipate that work will start as soon as spring arrives. So watch for the improvement in this area.

The living Christmas tree continues to be a source of satisfaction as it is used to help decorate our town for the holidays, eliminating the time, ef-

fort and expense of finding a satisfactory tree each year - one of the side benefits of our park project.

The bike-a-thon was the biggest success ever with 50 riders and our goal of \$2900.00 surpassed - and - you did it. To the many people, organizations and businesses participating, our heartfelt thanks. It is a pleasure to be involved in a community project which has received such tremendous support.

Ashland Historical Society

Report for 1984

In June, the Ashland Historical Society honored all those citizens who have reached the age of 90 since we started the "90-Plus Club" as a feature of the July 4 parade and since we have been entrusted with the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to the oldest citizen of the town. A plaque has been inscribed with the following names: Jessie Landroche Vachon, George A. McKay, Frank H. Lambert, Delia Clancy Rogers, Vernie Durant Young -- all of whom have held the cane (or a replica carved by Robert Roby) since 1976. Following the death of Mrs. Young this year, a replica of the cane was presented to Julia Sanborn Griffin, who is now Ashland's oldest citizen. Others who have ridden in the parade are Maude Bastow, Adine Wilder, Margaret Blake, Grace Johnson, Nellie Thurber, James Anderson, Florence Sanborn, and Harriet Orton. A strawberry festival with music by Arthur Harriman honored these nonagenarians and their relatives.

Programs at the monthly meetings (held between April and December) are designed to relate whenever possible to current events. Therefore, a history of the water system established in the 1890's was apropos of the town meeting to discuss proposed changes. How to trace the history of a house used the Cheney House and its neighbors on Highland Street at a meeting in the Cheney House. Histories of various New Hampshire features include Yankee magazine, rural to urban development, skiing, and local items of 1884 newspapers. A speaker on Sandwich glass attracted a large audience. One meeting was held jointly with the Holderness Society at their chapel on Perch Pond Road. The annual flea market and Christmas party enjoyed their usual success.

The Whipple House Museum received its annual cleaning and maintenance and was open to the public on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons during the summer with Susan Harris as hostess. Three hundred sixty persons visited the museum. One visitor was the nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital who fed the first patients ground raw liver to prove that humans would benefit from Dr. Whipple's therapy for anemia.

Projects completed this year included the building of a board fence between the Whipple House and the Nook, restoring a former boundary. The property was resurveyed and markers restored where necessary. Five documents were treated by the Northeast Document Center. Minor repairs were completed.

The railroad station was partially scraped and painted, thereby greatly enhancing its appearance. Work will continue on the building and it is hoped that a use for the structure will soon be found.

The Society was saddened by the lose of an enthusiastic charter member, Louise Brock, who died in October. She has made many valuable donations to the museum collection, but most valued of all was her lively support of the work of the organization. Another charter member, Sam Dow, who was an unsurpassed source of information from his vivid memory of Ashland residents and events, also died this year. The passing of these and other older people serves to remind us of the urgency of finding ways to preserve memories and collecting evidence of the past. We hope all who read this will assist. One fine example is that of Alden Brown, who presented us with papers of the Ora Brown store and its owners dating from before the Civil War. Another is that of the family of Hiram Gingras, a former judge of the local court, who have given appropriate materials to the museum. These and all other contributions are greatly appreciated and will help keep alive the history of Ashland.

Mary W. Ruell, President

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Annual Report

The primary goal of the Commission is to continue to encourage a balance between the type, location and rate of development and the capacity of the environment to accept such development without suffering deleterious effects.

The 1984-85 Overall Work Plan reflects a fairly diversified and ambitious work program given the limited financial resources and staff size. Emphasis will continue to be directed into several planning areas:

- (1) Many lake management issues continue to be unresolved and of prime concern to local communities. A Lake Watershed Management Plan will address the issues, planning standards, legislations, regulations, enforcement and public education.
- (2) A Solid Waste District Plan must be developed for waste management on a regional cooperative basis.
- (3) Continue to emphasize the importance of historic preservation and encourage communities to become aware of and involved in historic preservation needs and opportunities.
- (4) Continue technical assistance to member communities, providing development of land use regulations which implement local Master Plans, as well as the Regional Land Use Plan, its goal and objectives.
- (5) Transportation planning efforts must continue in order to meet the needs of the region's citizens and to assure that the region's highway network is maintained without adverse impacts on the environment.
- (6) Provide current information, expanded data and analysis pertaining to the region's population, housing and economic conditions.

Public official and community participation underlies every component of the Regional and Community Work Program. The Commission's programs are designed to solicit local perspectives on problems and issues, and to seek remedies that have local understanding and support.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

One important way communities can address issues and problems that transcend town boundaries is through the services offered by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Solutions to regional problems occur only if towns can benefit individually through regional cooperation. This understanding is basic to the Lakes Region Planning Commission's approach to regionalism. The Commission's work toward solutions to common problems takes many forms. In the past year a wide variety of issues, regional and individual, have been addressed. An abbreviated summary follows:

- (1) Continued the supervision of a Regional Comprehensive Plan to maintain a suitable balance of development in the Region.
- (2) Completed five Master Plans for local municipalities.
- (3) Continued historic preservation activities resulting in 12 nominations to the National Register, and 4 historic districts being placed on the National Register with a total of 65 structures. Also, Historic Resource Inventories have been completed in 5 Lakes Region communities.
- (4) Continued efforts in dealing with water quality and lake management issues.
- (5) Continued work on a Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.
- (6) Provided assistance to the Town of Gilford in working out a strategy and plan to permanently protect prime farmland from future development at a minimum cost to the town.
- (7) Provided assistance in the completion of a CDBG Downtown Revitalization Project for Franklin, and assisted Alton and Wakefield in receiving CDBG Feasibility Study grants.
- (8) Provided or co-sponsored special programs, workshops and other meetings to address various planning-related issues, i.e., Five-Year State Highway Plan; Municipal Law Lecture Series; Regional Groundwater; Tourism in the Lakes Region; Land Use Law Recodification and Computers in Municipal Government.

- (9) Completion of several reports including: Community Design in Rural Areas; Economic Primer; Energy Alternatives for Mobile Homes; Groundwater Protection Manual and Historic Mill Space Available.
- (10) Reviewed seven communities' experience with regulating development in floodplain areas.
- (11) Provided local planning and community development assistance to each member community.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION
James Rollins, Acting Director

Lakes Region Association

Report of the Executive Secretary

July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984

The Lakes Region Association brought together five Chambers of Commerce in the Region for a Cooperative Advertising/Mailing Program. Under a formular system it was set up so that each of the Chambers could participate at whatever level it was within their reach either financially or brochure wise. This program used \$9,640. of cooperative funds and requested a State Matching Grant of a like amount giving us \$19,280. for white space advertising and a total of \$32,010. for the entire program, including expenses of mailing literature directly to those interested parties. This program stimulated over 30,923 individual requests. This program is the envy of other areas, and is now being copied.

Spring, while we are servicing these inquiries, our Lakes Region Attractions group were not to be out-done. They, too, planned a Television advertising program, raised \$13,100. of their own money and requested and obtained a Matching Grant for another \$13,100. This well-designed program was used in the Greater Boston/Providence and Maine area to encourage the day tripper, as well as the longer time vacationer. This was also most successful. They again published and distributed 620M of their brochures and work hard to keep the public informed that this is an excellent location for a vacation or a seasonal or year round home area.

We continue to publish annually the Where To In The Lakes Region book; the Navigational Charts of several of our Lakes; supervise the activities of the Lakes Region Attractions as part of our organization; guide new commercial property owners in management and promotion of their property; work with the many state agencies; and are active with the N.H. Travel Council, and the N.H. Hospitality Association.

The Lakes Region Association seeks to preserve the quality of life we have here in our special part of New Hampshire. We want to maintain and preserve our natural resources, our lakes, our fields and forests, so that they can be enjoyed by not only those of us that live here, but also by those that visit our Region.

I have faith in our communities, their judgement and their ideals and know the Lakes Region Association will continue to work comfortably with our communities to mutual goals.

Respectfully submitted,
Mildred A. Beach, Exec. Sec.
The Lakes Region Association

The Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency

1984

During 1984, the number of visits made by the Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency to Ashland residents exceeded those of 1983 by 345, bringing the total visits to 1,810. There were as follows:

Skilled Nursing	542
Physical Therapy	171
Speech Therapy	3
Occupational Therapy	1
Home Health Aide	221
Homemaker	872

In many cases this service allows patients to remain at home and avoid hospital or nursing home care.

In addition, a blood pressure clinic has been conducted on the first Thursday of each month at the Baptist Church in conjunction with the Ashland Woman's Club, serving 250 persons. Twenty-six referrals to physicians were made. Twice yearly diabetic screenings are held, involving 25 persons each.

Immunization clinics are held bi-monthly on the second Wednesday at the American Legion Hall in Plymouth. Thirty-five Ashland residents were served. These clinics are free and attended by an area physician.

Further information may be obtained by calling 536-2232.

Laurent J. Ruell, Representative

New Hampshire Humane Society

The 1984 totals on the number of animals from the Town of Ashland brought to the N.H. Humane Society shelter are as follows:

By your Animal Control Officer:	
Dogs and puppies	10
Cats and kittens	2
Total	12
From Ashland Residents:	
Dogs and puppies	20
Cats and kittens	42
Total	62
Total number of dogs, pups, cats and kittens from your Town	74

Every town has stray and animal problems. We encourage the Town of Ashland, especially the animal control officer, to use our services more in 1985.

Sincerely,
Fritz T. Sabbow
Executive Director

Report of the Grafton County Commissioners

The Grafton County Commissioners submit the following report in a continued effort to communicate with you on a more direct basis.

The county fiscal year 1985 tax rate to towns increased by 6.76%, mainly due to increased liabilities and mandates for services. One reason is that the child placement budget has escalated from \$40,000 in fiscal year 1982 to over \$250,000 in fiscal year 1985. These costs are a direct result of RSA 169 when towns succeeded in getting laws changed to place financial responsibility on the counties. Also, the settlement statute, RSA 164, was changed regarding accumulating days for settlement, so that once the County has liability, the liability now remains with the County indefinitely. In addition, as experienced by towns and cities, the cost of nursing care has rapidly increased because of reduced federal and state funding, and will continue to increase at the local level with property taxes funding more of these services in the future.

We anticipate some budget relief with the new unified court system as soon as total costs of the court operations are fully funded by the State as intended in the legislation.

Because of the increasing unfunded mandated services and the unknown nature of federal and state participation in those mandated services, it becomes more difficult each year to budget in a realistic manner - a problem shared in common with towns and cities.

We are continuing energy conservation measures, with appreciable cost savings to the taxpayers. Window modification, with a five year payback, is one of our long term conservation measures, as well as modification to the heating control system.

Correctional needs and facilities are continually monitored and reviewed to comply with current standards and regulations. Studies have been completed and new construction was not recommended at this time.

In accordance with federal revenue sharing requirements, all county facilities and services are regularly reviewed for compliance with handicap regulations.

The Commissioners hold regular weekly meetings every Monday and encourage public attendance. Grafton County budget is processed through May

and June and the Commissioners welcome input and strongly recommend your attendance at the public hearing held in mid-June.

We appreciate your continued interest and support.

Grafton County Commissioners
Dorothy Campion-Corcoran
Arthur E. Snell
Leonard F. Anderson

Births 1984

Date	Child's Name	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Jan. 17	Michael William Sanborn	Robert M. Sanborn	Cathy L. Wagar
Jan. 20	Brynne Heather Johnstone	Christopher R. Johnstone	Beth A. Avery
Feb. 14	Michael Thomas Stewart	Thomas B. Stewart	Crystal M. Conway
Feb. 25	Matthew Solomon Perloff	Leonard A. Perloff	Debra J. Piehl
March 9	Megan Elizabeth Bliss	Harold L. Bliss	Kathleen S. Dymont
March 10	Nicholas Michael Huckins	Joseph E. Huckins, Sr.	Donna M. Byrne
March 10	Casey Andrew Patterson	Ralph R. Patterson	April J. Ewens
April 8	Jeremy Joe Drake	Francis W. Drake, Jr.	Sharyn E. Rollins
June 19	William Alan Steele	Rodney A. Steele	Nancy L. Conkey
July 3	Glenn Colby Dinger	Gilbert R. Dinger	Donna L. Fuller
July 10	Larry Owen Phillips	Not stated	Charlene B. Phillips
July 17	Justin Tyler Magoon	Robert L. Magoon	Kelly L. Knowlton
July 25	Jessica Anne Taylor	Michael W. Taylor	Cheryl A. O'Conner
July 30	Amelia Chase Wilson	Paul C. Wilson	Elizabeth E. Hadley
Aug. 28	Tadd Edward Reynolds	Edward A. Reynolds	Deborah L. Leonard
Sept. 3	Sarah Elizabeth Keith	Randy J. Keith	Vicki A. Potter
Sept. 12	Tristan Peabody Laverack	John W. Laverack, Jr.	Melissa J. Williams
Sept. 21	Samantha Lea Ramsay	Not stated	Mary E. Ramsay
Oct. 6	Kristina Lynn Leonard	Paul E. Leonard	Debra J. Lovering
Oct. 16	James Cleveland Beard III	James C. Beard, Jr.	Miriam E. Brown
Oct. 29	Daniel Philip Defosses	Philip P. Defosses	Carol Ann LeBranche
Nov. 23	Amanda Jane Weden	Norman S. Weden	Christine R. Sherman

Marriages 1984

Date	Place	Name of Groom	Name of Bride
February 17	Ashland	Allen R. MacKay, Jr.	Tamberly A. Bavis
March 2	Wentworth	James P. Vittum	Sarah Jane Woodward
April 14	Ashland	Gilbert R. Dinger	Donna L. Kydd
May 6	Ashland	Ronald L. Niles	Heidi M. Gray
May 19	Ashland	Craig D. Saltonstall	Kathleen R. Goulart
June 7	Ashland	Frank N. Desisto	Jacqueline M. Sullivan
June 16	Canaan	Michael A. Hunter	Laurette M. Austin
June 23	Ashland	Christopher P. Torregrossa	Elizabeth M. Zock
June 30	Wentworth	Alan J. Cilley	Theresa C. Deutsch
June 30	Ashland	Daniel C. Baker	Mary J. Cote
July 2	Ashland	Randy J. Keith	Vicki A. Potter
August 1	Ashland	William H. Burroughs	Clara L. Muller
August 3	Ashland	William M. Pelchat	Diane Gammons
August 8	Holderness	Peter A. Binette	Pamela J. Giardini
August 18	Ashland	Anthony S. Reed	Sharon B. Morse
August 18	Campton	Ray W. Mardin	Melanie A. Murah
August 25	Holderness	Ronald G. Shaw	Joan A. Hughes
September 1	Ashland	Fawn K. Stickney	Rebecca E. Spurling
September 3	Concord	Paul F. Blackmer	Patricia E. Harris
September 4	Ashland	Alfonse Bersuch	Eileen M. Ridello
September 4	Plymouth	Michael W. Leet	Kelly L. Ewens
September 8	Ashland	G. Edward Woolsey	Rosemary E. Girard
September 22	Holderness	Jeffrey L. Baker	Pamela J. Stewart
October 14	Ashland	David J. Holden	Henrietta A. Vallett
October 19	Ashland	Michael J. Malcolm	Veronica B. Boudreau
November 10	Ashland	Richard W. Burhoe	Tracey L. Mooney
December 21	Ashland	Edward J. Hubbard	Nancy M. Leoutsakos
December 22	Ashland	Timothy L. Perry	Mary E. Vittum

DEATHS 1984

Date	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 7	Flora B. Risdon	70	Canada	Roland Ward	Muriel Sheridan
Jan. 10	Eleanor D. Kilgore	67	Lunenburg, Vt.	Frank Downer	Elizabeth
Feb. 29	Arnold C. Nelson	68	NYC, NY	Nils Nelson	Marjorie Anderson
Mar. 8	Anna F. Rickert	87	Northfield, NH	Van Rickert	Alice Merrill
Mar. 31	Mary F. Alioto	87	Boston, Mass.	Horace LaSpina	Rosa
Apr. 3	John H. Cote	80	Center Harbor, NH	Albert Cote	Jessie Lamond
Apr. 13	Sam E. Dow	80	Ashland, NH	George Dow	Harriett Valliere
May 14	Merle E. Frost	79	Ludlow, Vt.	Rosco Frost	Ethel Brown
May 30	William N. Moody	71	Albany, NH	William Moody	Mable Moore
June 28	Lawrence E. Rock	77	Ashland, NH	George Rock	Jessie Small
July 16	Vernie I. Young	95	Littleton, NH	Henry Durant	Delphine Sallway
July 19	Harriet L. Addison	74	Plymouth, NH	Robert Bruce	Daisy Harris
Aug. 11	Maurice I. Samson	75	Berlin, NH	Thomas Samson	Antoinette Bourgois
Sept. 14	Addie L. Cote	91	Ashland, NH	Albert Cote	Jessie Normandin
Nov. 11	Arthur E. Dailey	78	Calais, Vt.	Frank Dailey	Sadie Boutwell
Nov. 19	George A. Morton	50	Plymouth, NH	Alfred Morton, Sr.	Charlotte Conette
Dec. 17	Fred W. Morton, Sr.	43	Plymouth, NH	Alfred Morton, Sr.	Charlotte Conette
Dec. 21	Bernard Heath	55	Ashland, NH	Herbert Heath	Shara Jacobs

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Town Warrants

Ashland

Town Warrant 1985

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Fire Station in said Town on Tuesday, March 12th, 1985 at 9:00 am in the forenoon to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2. To vote upon the proposed zoning article as recommended by the Planning Board by approving the following question:

Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

Yes_____

No_____

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the combined Office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector in accordance with RSA 41:45-A. This vote to take effect at the 1987 Annual Town Election.

Yes_____

No_____

ARTICLE 4. To vote upon the proposed amendment to the Building Code of the Town of Ashland as recommended by the Planning Board by approving the following question:

Are you in favor of the adoption of the Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Building Code as follows:

Add a New Article VIII

Article VIII, Appeals

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Building Inspector may appeal to the Ashland Board of Selectmen, which shall serve as the Building Code of Appeals. (If the Town of Ashland adopts a zoning ordinance, then the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall serve as the Building Code Board of Appeals.) The Board of Appeals may vary the application of any provision of the Building Code in any case when the enforcement of the Building Code

would do manifest injustice and would be contrary to the spirit and purpose of the Building Code and the Public Interest.

Renumber the present Article VIII as Article IX;

Renumber the present Article IX as Article X;

Renumber the present Article X as Article XI;

Renumber the present Article XI as Article XII;

Renumber the present Article XII as Article XIII.?

Yes_____ No_____

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-f, known as the Adjusted Elderly Exemption, by inclusion on the Official Ballot of the Following Question “Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-f for the Adjusted Elderly Exemption from Property Tax?” Such adjusted Elderly Exemption to become effective on April 1, 1985, if approved by ballot.

ARTICLE 6. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and eighty-five.

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Board of Selectmen, Ashland, NH

A true copy of Warrant, Attest:

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Board of Selectmen, Ashland, NH

NOTE: The business portion of the Town Meeting for the ensuing year will be held Saturday, March 16, 1985, at 6:00 PM at the Ashland High School Gymnasium.

February 19, 1985

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within WARRANT at the place of the meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the TOWN OFFICE, being a public place in said Town, on the nineteenth day of February 1985.

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Selectmen, Ashland, NH

Grafton County SS

Rosemarie McNamara
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 5/26/86

Ashland Town Warrant

1985

State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton in said State; qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Gymnasium in said Town on Saturday, March 16, 1985, at 6 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles.

NOTICE: Town Officers to be elected at the General Town and School Election to be held at the Ashland Fire Station beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 1985.

ARTICLE 1. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,825,000.00 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend up to \$1,825,000.00 for the Ashland Water Department for improvements to the water system; said sum shall be made available by borrowing \$1,050,000.00 for this project in accordance with provisions of New Hampshire Statutes through the issuance of Bonds to the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration, or to any other lending institution whose interest rate is competitive, to be paid back from property tax revenues over a period not to exceed thirty (30) years and by accepting a grant of up to \$775,000.00 from the United States Department of Agriculture to pay for the balance of the project costs. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or to borrow or to authorize bonding for a period not to exceed ten (10) years and to expend the sum of \$125,000.00 for the reconstruction and complete replacement of Little Squam Bridge, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-f, known as the Adjusted Elderly Exemption, by inclusion on the Official Ballot of the Following Question "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-f for the Adjusted Elderly Exemptions from Property Tax?" (This question to appear on the official ballot) Such Adjusted Elderly Exemption to become effective on April 1, 1985, if approved by ballot.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building Code of the Town of Ashland as recommended by the Planning Board by approving

the following question:

Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Building Code as follows:

Add a new Article VIII

Article VIII. APPEALS

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Building Inspector may appear to the Ashland Board of Selectmen, which shall serve as the Building Code Board of Appeals. (If the Town of Ashland adopts a zoning ordinance, then the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall serve as the Building Code Board of Appeals.) The Board of Appeals may vary the application of any provision of the Building Code in any case when the enforcement of the Building Code would do manifest injustice and would be contrary to the spirit and purpose of the Building Code and the public interest.

Renumber the present Article VIII as Article IX;

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(This article will appear on the Official Ballot)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the combined Office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector in accordance with RSA 41:45-A. This vote to take effect at the 1987 Annual Town Election. (This article will appear on the Official Ballot.)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Office of Tax Collector of the Town of Ashland, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and to authorize bonding for a period not to exceed five (5) years and to expend the sum of \$45,000.00, for the reconstruction of Little Squam Bridge (Bridge Number 113/093) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the State of New Hampshire for Town/State Bridge Aid from the State of New Hampshire and the Federal Government under the provisions of RSA 234 (State to contribute \$45,000.00 and Federal Government to contribute \$210,000.00, with construction and contracts to be issued by the State of New Hampshire), or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation the sum of \$5,000.00 to reimburse the State of New Hampshire for the erection of a bailey bridge at the Little Squam Bridge Site should the Town not vote to petition the State of New Hampshire for Town/State Bridge Aid for the replacement of the Little Squam Bridge at the 1985 Annual Town Meeting, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and expend the sum of \$24,188.81 for the State Highway Block Grant (State to contribute \$24,188.81) or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize the withdrawal of \$30,378.00, from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund for use as an offset against appropriations and in the amounts indicated therein,

Appropriation:	
Town Buildings:	
Fire Station	\$ 4,000.00
Highway Garage	3,000.00
Town Hall and Police Station	6,500.00
Highway Department:	
General Appropriation	9,439.00
Police Department:	
General Appropriation	7,439.00
	\$30,378.00

or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation of \$330.00, from the Ashland Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of erecting a flag pole at the Ashland Town Hall in the Memory of Mr. Harold Buckman. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following bequests of Harriet Louise Addison:

(1) \$1,000.00 to be known as the Addison Memorial Fund, the income therefrom to be used for the benefit of the Ashland Town Library, that such sum be accepted as a Town Trust Fund and be deposited with the Town Trustees;

(2) \$1,000.00 to the Ashland Playground Association, now known as the Town of Ashland Parks and Recreation Commission, such funds to be added to the appropriation for 1985, and to be expended by the Commission for Capitol Equipment. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 80:52 and grant a discount of 2% from Property Taxes to any taxpayer who shall pay all taxes due on or before their due dates as prescribed by statute, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to the southerly abutter to the Sewage Treatment Plant a limited right to pass and repass over land of the Town of Ashland subject to the following conditions (1) that the right to pass and repass is for the sole and limited purpose of ingress and egress from the property of the abutter; (2) that such right shall be valid provided that the abutter's land is used for agricultural purposes only; (3) that such right shall cease if the land is subdivided; (4) that the cost of any land improvement on the Town's property and/or bridge construction and maintenance in relation thereto shall be borne by the abutter and be acceptable to the Selectmen; (5) that all legal fees and costs attendant to surveying the property be borne by the abutter; (6) that the abutter erect fences and control devices at his expense and satisfactory to the Selectmen; and (7) that the abutter carry public liability insurance approved by the Selectmen which would save the Town harmless against any and all claims arising out of accidents or injuries occurring on the Town's property or arising out of the use of said property, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw and expend the sum of \$100,000.00 from the Sanitary Department Main Extension Capitol Reserve Fund to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen solely for the construction and reconstruction of Sanitary Mains, Laterals and House Connections, the repair of public and private property disturbed by such construction and for engineering services in connection therewith, such construction to take place on and in connection with the extension or renewal of sanitary sewers serving structures on Pleasant Street, Mechanic Street, Hill Street between Pleasant and Mechanic Streets, Main Street and Prospect Street, or to act on anything relative thereto. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Hill Terrace as a Town Road from Hill Street to its end as was laid out by the Board of Selectmen on July 26, 1935, subject to the continuation of all utility usages and drainage, now existing. All in accordance with RSA 231:43 and RSA 231:46.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend without further vote of the Town, Federal and State grants which may become available during the course of the year, and also to accept and expend money from any government units or private sources to be used for purposes for which Towns may legally appropriate money; provided (1) that such grants and other monies do not require the expenditure of other Town funds not specifically appropriated for the particular purpose for which the grant or other monies are received, (2) that a public hearing shall be held by the Board of Selectmen, and (3) that such items shall be exempt from all the provisions of RSA 32, relative to limitations and expenditures of Town monies, all as provided by RSA 31:95-B, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer tax liens and convey property acquired by the Town of Ashland by Tax Collector's Deed, by public auction or advertised sealed bid or in such manner as determined by the Selectmen as justice may require per RSA 70:42, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus or obsolete supplies and equipment by public auction or sealed bid or to transfer items of historical significance to the Ashland Historical Society without further vote of the Town, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow such sums in anticipation of Taxes, from such sources, upon such terms and conditions as they deem advisable and prudent for the operation of the Town, and to execute such documents on behalf of the Town as may be reasonably necessary to accomplish this purpose, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Reports of its Boards, Commissions, Committees and Officers for the year 1984, subject to the correction of errors when and if found.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations of the same, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and to pass any vote in relation thereto, or to act on anything relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Ashland:

Article 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose. It is the intent of this Ordinance to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the Town of Ashland by establishing a set of regulations that will guide the community's growth so as to protect the value of homes and lands, to promote good civic design, and to insure the wise and efficient expenditure of public funds.

1.2 Authority. Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 674, Sections 16-23, New Hampshire RSA 1955, as amended, and in conformity with the Town of Ashland Comprehensive Master Plan, this Ordinance is enacted by the voters of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, in official Town Meeting.

1.3 Title. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Ashland, NH."

Article 2 DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT REGULATIONS

2.1 Districts. The Town of Ashland is divided into the following districts:

- Commercial (C)
- Industrial (I)
- Village Residential (VR)
- Rural Residential (RR)

These districts, as established, as shown on the "Zoning Map of the Town of Ashland," in which is hereby declared to be a part of this Ordinance. Where there is doubt as to the location of a zoning district boundary, the Board of Adjustment shall determine the location of such boundary, consistent with the intent of this Ordinance and the Zoning Map.

2.2 District Regulations

2.2a Commercial. The purpose of this district shall be primarily for retail and service type shopping facilities, offices, and banking facilities. The area shall provide access, parking, adequate lighting, good design and similar related items for convenience and safety. The following uses are permitted:

- stores and shops for the conduct of any wholesale or retail business

- offices, banks, personal services, and medical facilities
- auto service stations and garage
- theatres, halls and clubs
- lodging facilities, hotels, motels, and restaurants
- residential uses including apartments
- accessory uses

2.2b Industrial. The purpose of this district shall be to encourage the establishment of industrial plants that will not be noxious, offensive, or detrimental to the environment, the town, or the abutter. The following uses are permitted:

- manufacturing, packing, processing, and warehousing
- railroad and trucking uses, offices, and printing facilities
- research and/or testing facilities
- storage yards
- accessory uses

2.2c Village Residential. This district provides for residential neighborhoods that are adjacent or close to commercial areas, schools, and fire and police protection. Areas designated as “Village Residential” are generally served by the public water and sewer lines. The following uses are permitted:

- single and two-family dwellings
- multi-family dwellings
- home businesses as defined in Article 10
- accessory uses (garages and outbuildings)

2.2d Rural Residential. This district provides for low to medium density rural living, open space, and the protection of environmentally sensitive areas (such as wetlands, floodplains, poor soils, and steep slopes). The following uses are permitted:

- single and two-family dwellings
- multi-family dwellings with no more than six units per structure
- cluster residential development
- mobile homes on individual lots
- agricultural, forestry, and farming areas
- home businesses as defined in Article 10
- accessory uses (garages and outbuildings)

2.3 Land and Space Requirements

2.3a There shall be a minimum distance of thirty-five feet between the edge of any public right-of-way and any building.

2.3b No water supply, septic tank, leach field, or private driveway shall be located within fifteen feet of any boundary.

2.3c Minimum Lot Sizes, Frontages, and Setbacks. Lots and buildings shall conform to the following minimum standards:

District	Minimum Lot Size	Minimum Lot Frontage	Minimum Building Setback from Lot Lines (feet)			
S&W = sewer & water	(sq ft)	(feet)	front	/ rear	/ side	
Commercial w/S&W	none	100(&)	35(#)	15(#)	15(#)	
Commercial w/o S&W	40,000(+)	100	35	15	15	
Industrial	40,000(+)	150	35	25	25	
Village Res w/S&W	15,000	100	35	15	15	
Village Res w/o S&W	40,000(+)	100	35	15	15	
Rural Residential	40,000(+)	150	35	25	25	

(+) Or as determined by the soils and slopes table in the Ashland Subdivision Regulations.

(&) Minimum lot frontage may be reduced where lot sizes of less than 40,000 square feet are permitted.

(#) A commercial building need not be set back more than the average of the front setback of commercial buildings on the lot adjacent to either side. If a vacant lot exists on one side, the minimum front setback shall be required. The minimum side and rear setbacks may be reduced to conform with the side and rear setbacks of structures on adjoining properties at the discretion of the Board of Adjustment.

Article 3 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

3.1 Uses Allowed by Special Exception. Uses of land and buildings other than those listed under each district may be allowed as a special exception only by approval of the Board of Adjustment, provided that

-the land use impact on the environment, the particular site in question, and on abutting landowners is not negative; and provided that

-each of the standards and other requirements contained in this Ordinance are complied with; and only after

-the Planning Board has reviewed the proposed plan and submitted its written recommendations to the Board of Adjustment prior to a scheduled public hearing of appeal as outlined in 3.2.

3.2 Procedure for Special Exception. A special exception use will require an application and a site plan submitted to the Board of Adjustment.

3.2a The site plan for a proposed development which necessitates a special exception shall contain, where applicable:

- the lot dimensions of existing or required service areas, buffer zones, landscaped areas, recreation areas, sign, right-of-way, streams, drainage, and easements;
- all existing and proposed buildings, additions or other structures with their dimensions;
- all setback dimensions (front, rear, side) and building heights;
- computed lot and building areas with percentages of lot occupancy;
- the location and number of parking spaces and traffic lanes with their dimensions;
- any required loading, unloading, and trash storage areas.

3.2b All abutters of any proposed land use not permitted under Article 2 shall be notified by the Board of Adjustment by certified mail, return receipt requested, not less than fifteen days before the date of any public hearing regarding said site. The names and addresses of the abutters shall be supplied by the applicant on a plat plan to be submitted to the Board of Adjustment.

3.2c The applicant shall pay the total costs of advertising and posting any hearings, the cost of certified mailings, and any necessary site inspection fees.

Article 4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

4.1 Obnoxious Use. Any use that may be obnoxious or injurious by reason of production or emission of odor, dust, smoke, refuse matter, fumes, noise, vibration, or similar conditions, or that is dangerous to the comfort, peace, enjoyment, health, or safety of the community or lending to its disturbance or annoyance, is prohibited.

4.2 Keeping of Farm Animals. The keeping of farm animals (including cows, goats, horses, pigs, and sheep) shall be prohibited within the Commercial, Industrial, and Village Residential districts on lots of less than 40,000 square feet. The keeping of small animals (chickens, rabbits, etc.) in small number and for personal use and enjoyment is permitted.

Article 5. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

5.1 Waterfront Access. This provision provides guidelines for the development of backland with access to Little Squam Lake, and the Squam and Pemigewasset rivers so as to prevent overcrowding and to protect water quality.

Rights to gain access to a water body through or by means of any land in the Town of Ashland shall not be created or attached to any real estate, except in accordance with the standards set forth below and subject to Planning Board approval. Any owner granting rights of use and access shall comply with the following standards:

5.1a The minimum area of any waterfront access lot shall be the greater of: a) one acre or; b) eight hundred square feet per residential dwelling unit, individual recreational campsite, or individual lodging unit.

5.1b A waterfront access lot shall have not less than two hundred linear feet of shore frontage for up to ten residential dwelling units, individual campsites, or individual lodging units with granted rights of use or access. Each additional such unit or campsite shall require an additional twenty linear feet of shore frontage.

5.1c A parking area of three hundred square feet adjacent to the waterfront access lot shall be provided for each dwelling unit, recreational campsite, or individual lodging unit located in excess of one thousand feet from the waterfront property to which it has granted access. Parking shall be permitted only in the designated parking area.

5.2d One toilet facility shall be provided on the water-front access lot for each ten residential dwelling units, individual campsites, or individual lodging unit; or fraction thereof.

Article 6. NON CONFORMING USES

6.1 All non-conforming properties in active use when this Ordinance is adopted may continue in their present use.

6.2 If a use is discontinued or abandoned for one year, it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district, and the non-conforming use may not thereafter be resumed without approval of the Board of Adjustment.

6.3 Any and all non-conforming property may be altered and expanded as the business conditions warrant, provided, however, that any such expansion does not make any existing non-conforming structure a more non-conforming structure within the terms of this Ordinance and provided that all other standards of this Ordinance are met.

6.4 Non-conforming buildings which are destroyed by fire or other natural disaster may be rebuilt or replaced if the degree of non-conformity is not increased.

Article 7. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

7.1 Creation, Appointment, and Jurisdiction. Within thirty days after the adoption of this Ordinance, and thereafter as terms or vacancies occur, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Board of Adjustment consisting of five members whose duties, terms, and powers shall conform to the provisions of Chapters 673, 674, 676 and 677 RSA 1955, as amended. The Board of Adjustment may also include not more than three alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. No person may be appointed to more than three consecutive terms as a member of the Board of Adjustment.

7.2 Appeals

7.2a Appeals to the Board of Adjustment may be taken by any aggrieved person or by any officer, department, board, or bureau of the Town of Ashland affected by any decision of the administrative officer in the manner prescribed by RSA 674:34 and 675:5-7 within the time limit set by the Board of Adjustment according to said statute.

7.2b Prior to a hearing, the costs of advertising, posting and mailing the notices of the hearing shall be paid by the person making the appeal.

7.3 Special Exceptions. The Board of Adjustment may, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards, grant a permit for a special exception. Before doing so, the Board shall determine that all the provisions set forth in Articles 3 & 4 and all other conditions enumerated in the Ordinance are met; and it shall hold an abutters' hearing to hear any valid objections based on demonstrable fact.

7.3a The Board may approve a special exception only if

- the specific site is an appropriate location for the intended use or structure
- the use will be compatible with neighboring land uses
- the property values in the district will not be reduced by such a use
- there will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians
- adequate and appropriate facilities will be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use
- the proposed use will comply with the minimum lot sizes, frontage, and setback requirements set forth in 2.3
- existing roads and highways are capable of carrying the additional traffic.

7.3b The Board may impose additional standards in granting a special exception where deemed necessary to protect the best interest of the sur-

rounding property, the neighborhood, or the town as a whole. These standards may include:

- increasing the required lot size or setback in order to protect the adjacent properties
- limiting the lot coverage or height of buildings
- controlling the location and number of vehicular access points to the property
- requiring suitable on-site landscaping and screening where necessary to reduce noise and glare and to maintain the property in character with the surrounding area
- providing for specific layout of facilities on the property such as the locations of buildings, parking spaces, and access to the building so as to minimize the effect on adjoining property
- requiring the lot to be of sufficient size to support an adequate subsurface sewage disposal system in the case of conversions of existing structures to more intensive use
- requiring professional inspection of, and improvements to, an existing subsurface sewage disposal system.

7.4 Variances

7.4a Variances may be granted only after a public hearing held in accordance with NH RSA 676:7. All abutters of the property in question shall be notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, not less than fifteen days before the date of any public hearing regarding the requested variance. The costs of abutters' notices and of advertising and posting the hearing shall be paid by the applicant for the variance.

7.4b The Board of Adjustment may, on an appeal, grant a variance from the provisions of this Ordinance only where the Board finds that all of the following conditions apply:

- There are special features peculiar to the lot of structure (such as shape, or topography) that application of this Ordinance will deprive an owner of such lot of structure of a reasonable use of it and will impose upon such owner a hardship not shared by the owners of other lots or structures in the same district. (Financial hardship does not constitute "hardship" in this case.)
- The specific variance, if granted, represents the minimum variance that will afford reasonable relief to the owner, and it is necessary for a reasonable use of the lot or structure
- The use proposed is a permitted use in its district, as described under Article 2.

7.4c Rehearings. The selectmen, any party subject to an order or a decision of the Board of Adjustment, and any party directly affected by such an

order or decision may apply for a rehearing. The application for a rehearing shall be treated according to NH RSA 677.

Article 8. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

8.1 Issuing Permits. The Building Inspector shall issue all building permits required in accordance with the Town of Ashland Building Regulations. No permit shall be issued for the erection of any structure or for the use of land unless the proposal complies with the provisions of the Ordinance.

8.2 Enforcement

8.2a Upon receiving any credible information that this Ordinance is being violated, and upon an affirmative vote that a violation more probably is being committed, the Selectmen are authorized hereby to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance by application for appropriate relief in the Superior Court, or by taking any other legal action.

8.2b Any violation of any provision of this Ordinance by any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity, whether the owner of property or whether acting under authority of such owner, shall be a violation pursuant to the Criminal Code of New Hampshire for each day of such offense. In addition, after conviction, the additional penalties provided for by RSA 676:19 may apply.

Article 9. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 Saving Clause. The invalidity of any provisions of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provisions.

9.2 Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

9.3 Amendments. This Ordinance may be amended by majority vote of any Town meeting, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 675 as amended.

9.4 Validity. Whenever the provisions of this Ordinance or rulings made under the authority hereof differ from those of other ordinances or regulations of the town, that provision or ruling which imposes the greater restriction or the higher standard shall govern.

Article 10. DEFINITIONS

10.1 For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined:

Abutter — Any person whose property adjoins or is directly across the street or stream from the land under consideration. For the purposes of receiving testimony only, and not for purposes of notification, the term abutter shall include any person who is able to demonstrate that his land will be directly affected by the proposal under consideration.

Accessory Building — A subordinate building incidental to and on the same lot occupied by the main building or use. The term “accessory building” when used in connection with a farm, shall include all buildings customarily used for farm purposes.

Building — Any structure having a roof intended for the shelter, housing, or enclosure of persons, animals or property.

Cluster Development — Means a pattern of subdivision development which places housing units into compact groupings while providing a network of commonly owned or dedicated open space.

Dwelling, Single-Family — A detached residential building other than a mobile home, designed for and occupied by one family only.

Dwelling, Multi-Family — A residential building designed for or occupied by three or more families, with the number of families in residence not exceeding the number of dwelling units provided or permitted.

Dwelling Unit — One room, or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, rental, or lease, physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure, and containing independent cooking, sanitary, and sleeping facilities. It shall include sectional homes and modular units, provided these units meet the standards of the local building code; but it shall not include mobile homes, motels, hotels, lodging house, or similar structure.

Home Business — Any business (including professional or service businesses, cottage industries, and home occupations or trades) conducted within a dwelling by the residents thereof which employs no more than two persons other than family members and which does not materially affect the residential character of the building or area.

Lot — A parcel of land of sufficient size to meet minimum zoning requirements for use, building coverage, setback, and area.

Lot Frontage — Lot width measured at the street. When a lot faces more than one street, it must have the minimum width on each street.

Manufactured Housing/Mobile Home — A detached, complete, and transportable structure (with plumbing, heating, and electrical systems contained therein) built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation. Sectional homes, modular homes, and prefabricated homes are excepted and do not apply.

Non-Conforming Structure, Use, or Lot — A structure, use or lot that does not conform to the regulations of the zoning district in which it is carried on or located.

Parking Space — An off-street space available for the parking of one motor vehicle.

Special Exception — A use of a building or lot which may be permitted under this Ordinance 1) only upon application to the Board of Adjustment and subject to the approval of that Board when such use would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity, or general welfare, and 2) only in cases where the words “Special Exception” in this Ordinance pertain.

Shore Frontage — The measured distance along the natural shoreline at high water.

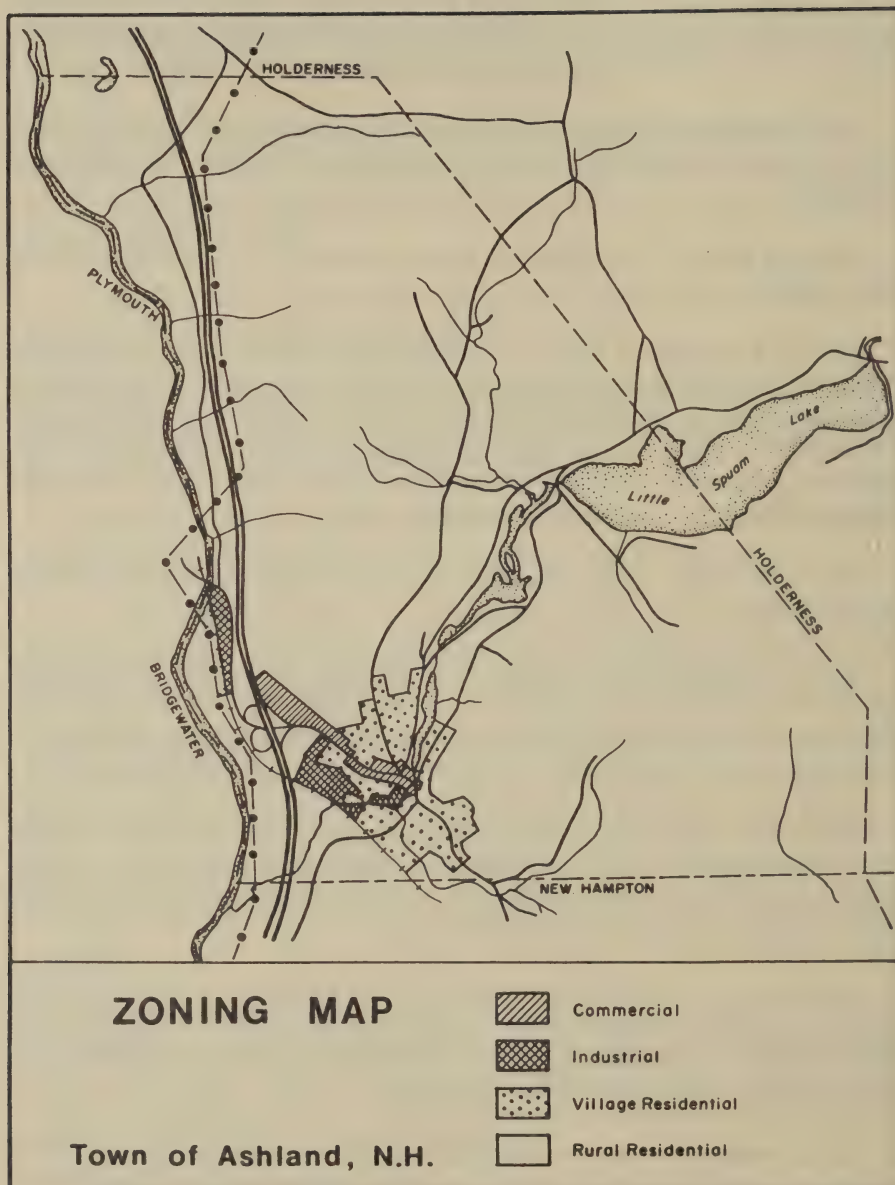
Street or Public Street — A public right-of-way which the town or state has the duty to maintain regularly, or right-of-way shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board, recorded with the County Register of Deeds, and providing the principal means of access to abutting property.

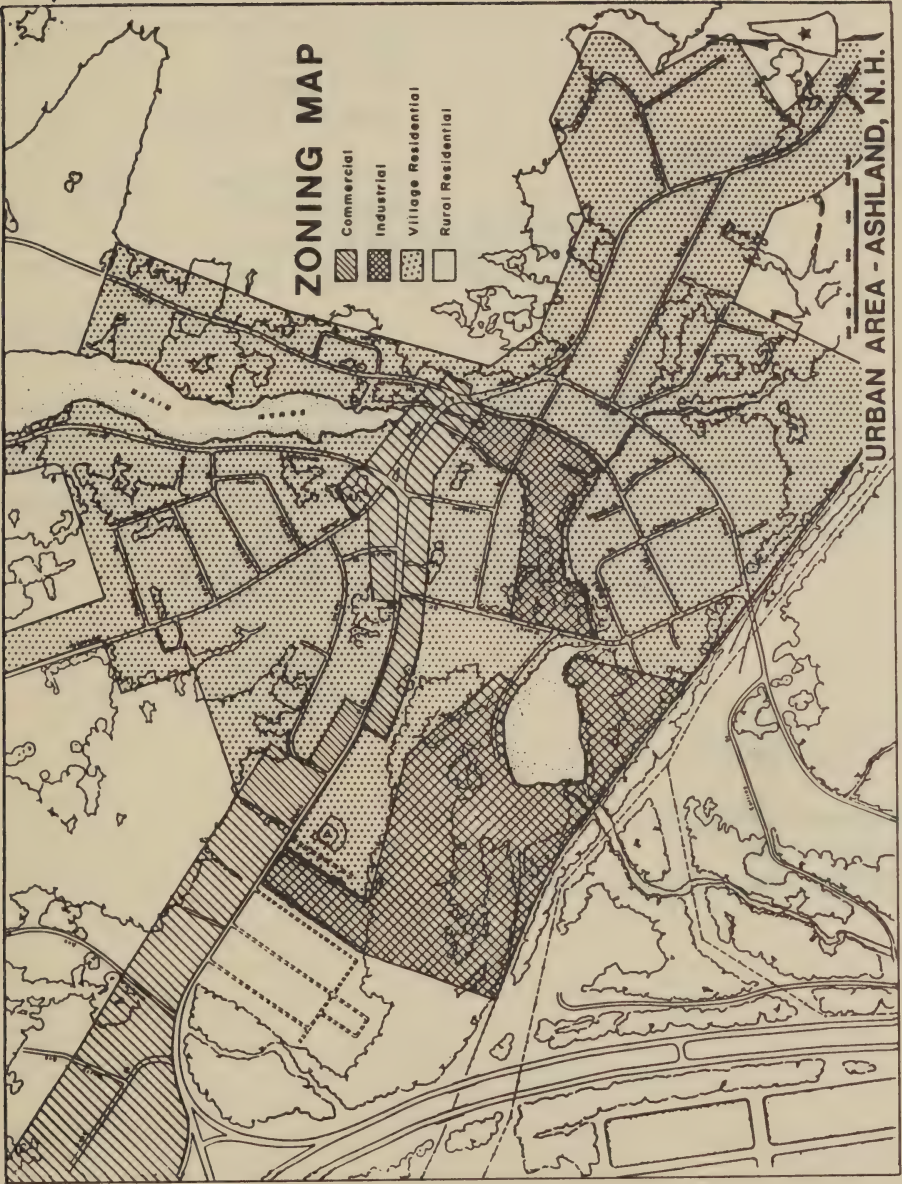
Structure — Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having location on the ground. It shall not include a minor installation, such as a fence less than six feet high, a mailbox, or a flagpole.

Variance — A relaxation of the terms of the Ordinance, where such relaxation will not be contrary to the public interest, and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property, a literal enforcement of the Ordinance would result in unnecessary and undue hardship.

Waterfront Access Lot — A waterfront lot with right of use granted to owners or users of other lots, dwelling units, campsites, or lodging units.

(This article is to appear on the Official Town Ballot.)





ARTICLE 26. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Board of Selectmen

Attest, a true copy:

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Board of Selectmen

February 19, 1985

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting up an attested copy of the within WARRANT at the place of the meeting within named, and a like attested copy at the TOWN OFFICE, being a public place in said Town, on the nineteenth day of February 1985.

James H. Rollins
Hilda M. Harris
John C. Hughes
Selectmen, Ashland, NH

Grafton County SS

Rosemarie McNamara
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 5/26/86

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PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)

General Government:

	Actual Appropriations 1984 (1984-85)	Actual Expenditures 1984 (1984-85)	Selectmen's Budget 1985 (1985-86)	Budget Committee Recommended 1985 (1985-86)	Not Recommended
Town Officers Salary	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 6,327.17	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 6,375.00	\$
Town Officers Expenses	67,300.00	64,033.79	61,044.00	59,000.00	2,044.00
Election and Registration Expenses	1,155.00	1,415.55	1,035.00	1,035.00	
Cemeteries	1.00				
General Government Buildings	37,950.00	51,576.93	19,730.00	17,730.00	2,000.00
Reappraisal of Property	1,500.00	1,820.30	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Planning and Zoning	1,100.00	991.94	1,100.00	1,100.00	
Legal Expenses	4,320.00	4,320.00	7,000.00	6,000.00	1,000.00
Advertising and Regional Association	1,474.00	1,473.78	1,446.00	1,446.00	
Tax Map	600.00	440.00	500.00	500.00	
Industrial Development	500.00		18,500.00	18,500.00	

Public Safety:

Police Department	91,132.00	92,233.14	89,460.00	80,531.00	8,929.00
Fire Department includ. forest fire	51,500.00	42,249.63	41,950.00	40,050.00	1,900.00
Civil Defense	1.00	11.11	25.00	25.00	

Highways, Streets & Bridges:

Town Maintenance	1.00	5,822.08			
General Highway Dept. Expenses	107,740.00	99,416.25	157,275.00	* 148,775.00	8,500.00
Street Lighting	16,740.00	16,606.80	15,700.00	15,700.00	
Highway Block Grant	20,573.73	22,128.13	24,188.81	24,188.81	
Trees	1.00	342.72			

Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	18,935.00	16,497.19	19,883.00	19,883.00	
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Health:

Health Department	5,675.00	5,650.40	11,525.00	9,525.00	2,000.00
Hospitals and Ambulances	7,000.00	8,197.20	9,409.00	9,409.00	

Welfare:

General Assistance	5,000.00	977.73	4,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	14,000.00	5,068.20	10,000.00	10,000.00	

Culture and Recreation:

Library	9,500.00	9,500.00	10,115.00	10,115.00	
Parks and Recreation	30,011.00	28,936.99	28,628.00	28,617.00	11.00
Patriotic Purposes	775.00	750.00	875.00	875.00	
Memorial Park	150.00	158.43	100.00	100.00	

*Includes Capitol Equipment for a new sander in the amount of \$6,875.00 and a new one ton truck in the amount of \$18,000.00.

Debt Service:				
Principal of Long-Term Bonds & Notes	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	
Interest Expense - Long-Term Bonds & Notes	23,100.00	23,100.00	21,560.00	
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	40,000.00	28,634.33	30,000.00	
Capital Outlay:				
Bridges	1.00	5,644.84	48,801.00	
Highway Equipment	1.00			
Miscellaneous:				
Municipal Water Department	50,700.00	46,273.01	1,896,117.00	1,896,117.00
Municipal Sewer Department	225,765.00	146,233.76	218,610.00	212,860.00
Municipal Electric Department	1,524,600.00	1,160,752.86	1,544,000.00	1,544,000.00
FICA, Retirement & Pension Contributions	12,903.00	16,824.94	12,340.00	12,340.00
Insurance	29,200.00	36,879.61	43,938.00	43,938.00
Unemployment Compensation	2,000.00	2,261.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,444,279.73	\$1,988,549.81	\$4,394,029.81	\$ 33,134.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Taxes				
Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)				\$4,049,977.81
				310,918.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE

Taxes:

Resident Taxes	10,100.00	Actual Revenues 1984 (1984-85)	Selectmen's Budget 1985 (1985-86)	Estimated Revenues 1985 (1985-86)
National Bank Stock Taxes	56.00	9,700.00	12,200.00	12,200.00
Yield Taxes	1,000.00	87.00	87.00	87.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	40,100.00	1,122.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Inventory Penalties	1,200.00	42,579.01	35,000.00	35,000.00
Boat Registration	2,100.00	1,071.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
Resident Tax Penalties		2,775.55	2,500.00	2,500.00
			80.00	80.00

Intergovernmental Revenues:

Shared Revenue - Block Grant	140,000.00	49,162.00	49,162.00	49,162.00
Highway Block Grant	20,573.00	20,573.00	24,188.81	24,188.81
State Aid Water Pollution Projects	33,500.00	33,617.00	33,617.00	33,617.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	41.00	59.88	58.00	58.00
Other Reimbursements	50.00		50.00	50.00

Licenses and Permits:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	50,000.00	57,182.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
Dog Licenses	850.00	903.00	900.00	900.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	3,500.00	4,650.13	4,000.00	4,000.00

Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	31,600.00	50,571.21	31,600.00
Rent of Town Property	300.00	2,180.00	4,000.00
Fines and Forfeits	215.00	292.71	250.00
Electric Department	23,100.00	23,100.00	23,100.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interest on Deposits	25,000.00	19,006.95	20,000.00
Sale of Town Property	2,000.00	13,867.46	1,000.00
Timber Tax		2,033.38	1,500.00
Donation (Chamber of Commerce & Addison)		1,330.00	1,330.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Proceeds of Bonds & Long-Term Notes	1,825,000.00		1,870,000.00
Income from Water & Sewer Depts. & Electric	1,801,065.00	1,801,065.00	1,727,977.00
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve			100,000.00
Revenue Sharing Fund	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,378.00
Fund Balance			15,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$4,041,350.00	\$2,165,598.58	\$4,049,977.81

Budget Committee

John W. Laverack, Jr.	James H. Rollins
Neale H. Bavis	Randall L. Hughes
David L. Ruell	Paul Wilson
Beatrice W. Moody	Arline E. Wilson
Thomas E. Peters, Jr.	

Emergency Telephones

Town Office	968-4432
Police	968-3224
Fire Station	968-7772
Water & Sanitary Departments	968-4432
Water & Sanitary Dept., Supt. Wayne Hughes	968-7193
Electric Department	968-4432
Electric Supt. Thomas Marsh	968-3083
Tax Collector	968-4432
Town Clerk	968-4432
Plymouth Ambulance Service	536-1252
Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital (Plymouth)	536-1120
Lakes Region General Hospital (Laconia)	524-3211
Physician, Dr. Glenn Bricker	968-3325
Ashland Schools - Office	968-7622
Superintendent's Office	279-7947
Dentist, Dr. John S. Reeve	968-7600



IN CASE OF FIRE

Dial 1-524-1545

1. Report kind of Fire
2. Report location of Fire
3. Give your name and telephone number to the Fire Department Operator who answers your call.

SPEAK SLOWLY AND DISTINCTLY

When ringing a fire alarm box - be sure to stay at box location to direct Fire Department to fire location.

Signal 12 one minute intervals blown three times indicates water to be shut off within 30 minutes.

Signal 2 at one minute intervals blown three times indicates water is back on again.

No School Signal — 23 sounded at 7:00 A.M.

“Delayed School” and “No School” Announcements will be made from radio stations WLNH and WEMJ, Laconia, and WPNH, Plymouth, between 7:00 & 7:30 A.M.

Fire Chief	968-7080
1st Deputy	968-3054
2nd Deputy	968-7868